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BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
IMAGINE A CRIMINAL WHO HAS THE FANTASTIC ABILITY TO CHANGE HIS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AS HE WISHES! IMAGINE A MAN WHO CAN CHANGE TO GOLD--TO COPPER--TO LEAD--TO CARBON--TO ANY OF THE ELEMENTS, AND USE HIS POWER FOR CRIME! THIS IS THE MENACE BATMAN AND ROBIN FACED IN..
the VILLAIN of 100 ELEMENTS
BOB KANE
UHH--MY EYES.. C-CAN'T SEE!
HA, HA! THE GLARE OF LIGHT, REFLECTED FROM MY DIAMOND BODY, WILL KEEP YOU HELPLESS WHILE I MAKE MY ESCAPE!
WE'RE ALL BLINDED!

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IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE, BELOW THEIR MANSION, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, DON THE GARB OF THAT FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM--BATMAN AND ROBIN!
TONIGHT, OUR OLD FRIEND PROFESSOR HIGGINS, IS GOING TO SHOW US THE NEW INVENTION HE'S BEEN WORKING ON!
WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL BET IT'S UNUSUAL!
LATER, AS THEY APPROACH THE PROFESSOR'S NEARBY LABORATORY...
NO -- DON'T!
BATMAN!... DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HIGGINS' VOICE! SOUNDS LIKE HE'S IN TROUBLE, ROBIN!
NEXT MOMENT...
OUT OF MY WAY!
WHAT...?
OOF!
THAT'S JOHN DOLAN -- THE PROFESSOR'S ASSISTANT!
QUICK--LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO PROFESSOR HIGGINS!
INSIDE, THEY FIND THE PROFESSOR UNCONSCIOUS--AND, WHEN THEY REVIVE HIM...
PROFESSOR, WHAT HAPPENED? WAS IT DOLAN WHO SLUGGED YOU?
Y-YES... AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A MACHINE THAT CAN ALTER THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURES OF ELEMENTS...
"DOLAN WAS THE ONE WHO OPERATED THE MACHINE--AND TONIGHT, HE MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY..."
PROFESSOR, THE MACHINE IS FAULTY! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A LEAK FROM ITS POWER SOURCE FOR WEEKS!
WHAT?! THAT MEANS--YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO POWER FROM THE ELEMENT-CONVERTER ALL THIS TIME! IT MAY HAVE AFFECTED YOU!

"AT THAT INSTANT, AS IF TO CONFIRM MY FEARS..."
¡GULP! I--I'M CHANGING COLOR--BECOMING SILVERY GRAY...
GREAT SCOTT! YOU'RE CHANGING INTO AN ELEMENT--ALUMINUM!
"MINUTES PASSED--AND THEN HE BEGAN TO CHANGE AGAIN!"
I DON'T REMAIN CONSTANT AS ONE ELEMENT! I KEEP CHANGING... NOW I'VE BECOME GOLD!
BEFORE I CAN EVEN ATTEMPT TO CURE YOU, I MUST ENABLE YOU TO CONTROL YOUR CHANGES--SO YOU CAN REMAIN STABLE!
"SWIFTLY, I IMPROVISED A CONTROL BELT FROM PARTS OF THE MACHINE..."
IT WORKS!... IT CAN CONTROL THE ALTERING OF ELEMENTS! WHY--WITH THIS BELT, I'M INVINCIBLE! WITH MY POWER, I CAN SEIZE WEALTH--AND NO ONE CAN EVER STOP ME!
GREAT SCOTT! ALL THAT STRANGE POWER HE'S ABSORBED OVER THE WEEKS... IT'S AFFECTED HIS MIND--MADE HIM CRIMINALLY INSANE!
DOLAN--YOU MUST STAY HERE! YOU MUST HELP ME WORK ON A MACHINE THAT CAN CURE YOU!
CURE ME? OH, NO!... I WON'T GIVE UP THIS POWER! DON'T TRY TO STOP ME!
THEN HE CLUBBED ME DOWN! BATMAN, DOLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DECENT FELLOW--BUT NOW HE'S A MENACE! HE MUST BE CAPTURED AND CURED!
RIGHT... WE'LL NOTIFY THE POLICE AT ONCE!
SOON AFTER, AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN ALERTS THE AUTHORITIES TO THE DANGEROUS FUGITIVE...
CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR JOHN DOLAN! APPROACH WITH CAUTION! THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS! DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS...
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HOURS PASS--AND, MEANWHILE, DOLAN RECRUITS TWO JACKALS OF THE UNDERWORLD...
IF YOU'VE GOT SUCH TREMENDOUS POWER, HOW COME YOU NEED US TO WORK WITH YOU?
EVEN A KING NEEDS A ROYAL GUARD! YOU CAN HELP CARRY AWAY LOOT! LITTLE BY LITTLE, OUR GROUP SHALL EXPAND...
...UNTIL ALL THE UNDERWORLD WILL BOW BEFORE ME! EVENTUALLY, EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE WORLD WILL BOW BEFORE ME -- THE ELEMENTAL MAN!
GEE!... A KING OF THE UNDERWORLD! AND THE FUNNY THING IS -- HE CAN DO IT!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT A NEWLY ERECTED LUXURY HOTEL, A BEAUTY CONTEST IS HELD IN THE POOL...
SOME PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THIS HOTEL!
YEAH! IMAGINE -- THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST GETS $50,000 IN CASH!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON GETS A CALL FROM AN ALERT CITIZEN...
A WOMAN SAYS SHE JUST SAW DOLAN AND TWO MASKED MEN SNEAKING THROUGH A SIDE ENTRANCE INTO THE GOTHAM HOTEL!
SO--HE'S STARTED! MAYBE I CAN GET THERE IN TIME TO TALK SENSE TO HIM! COME ON, ROBIN!
BUT EVEN AS THE DUO RACES TO THE RESCUE, THE ELEMENTAL MAN TOUCHES A SERIES OF BUTTONS ON HIS BELT'S CONTROL PANEL, AND...
NOW I'LL CHANGE INTO ANOTHER ELEMENT -- SODIUM!
KNOWING THAT SODIUM CAUSES A VIOLENT CHEMICAL REACTION IN WATER, HE DIPS A FOOT INTO THE POOL SO THAT...
GAS!
RUN! RUN!
THE GAS WON'T HARM THEM -- BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT... SO THEY'LL FLEE IN A PANIC!
EEK!

BUT AS THE BANDITS SEIZE THE MONEY, A FIGURE SUDDENLY APPEARS AND BOUNDS FORWARD...
...TARGET!
...ON...
RIGHT...
AT THE SAME TIME, A CLOAKED FORM BLOCKS OFF THE ELEMENTAL MAN...
ALL RIGHT, DOLAN--BE SENSIBLE! GO BACK TO THE LAB! LET PROFESSOR HIGGINS TEST YOU... MAYBE HE CAN FIND A WAY TO CURE YOU!
NO, BATMAN... I LIKE HAVING MY POWER! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY! I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU--BUT I WILL IF I HAVE TO!
IN THAT CASE, I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO ARREST YOU!
YOU FOOL... I WARNED YOU!
OW! MY FIST!
HA, HA! I'VE JUST CHANGED MYSELF INTO ANOTHER ELEMENT--IRON!
OOF!
YOUR BLOWS CAN'T BOTHER ME--BUT JUST A SLIGHT TAP OF MY HAND CAN CERTAINLY BOTHER YOU!

THEN, WITH THE IMPACT OF AN EXPRESS TRAIN, THE ELEMENTAL MAN BRUSHES ROBIN ASIDE, AND...
COME ON, MEN--DON'T BOTHER RUSHING FOR THE EXIT! I'LL MAKE A "DOOR" FOR US!
CRASH
FOLLOWING THE SPECTACULAR ESCAPE...
HOW'S YOUR HAND, BATMAN?
A LITTLE STIFF-BUT OKAY! DOLAN'S TAKEN HIS FIRST STEP TO CRIME... I'M AFRAID WE'RE UP AGAINST THE MOST DANGEROUS, MOST BIZARRE VILLAIN WE'VE EVER FOUGHT!
AFTERWARD, IN THE LAB OF PROFESSOR HIGGINS...
PROFESSOR, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING--ANYTHING--BEFORE DOLAN'S MIND GETS WORSE!
I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW MACHINE--A MACHINE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DRAIN THE POWER FROM DOLAN! LET'S HOPE IT WORKS!
NEXT DAY, IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE ELEMENTAL MAN CAREFULLY SCANS THE NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE PLACES OF CRIME...
HMM--HERE'S SOMETHING...THE NEW EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE JUST RECEIVED A FORTUNE IN RADIUM! BOYS, THAT'S OUR NEXT JOB!
THAT NIGHT, IN THE DESERTED MUSEUM...
THAT'S IT, BOYS...TIE UP THE GUARD, AND I'LL DO THE REST!
SCIENCE EXHIBIT

AGAIN, THE ELEMENTAL MAN TOUCHES HIS BELT-CONTROL PANEL--AND INSTANTLY TURNS INTO...
LEAD!... AND SINCE LEAD IS IMMUNE TO RADIOACTIVE RADIATION, I CAN WALK INTO THIS ROOM WHERE THE RADIUM IS STORED!
THRUSTING THE RADIUM INTO A LEAD-LINED CONTAINER, THE CRIMINAL STARTS HIS GETAWAY, WHEN...
BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN! DIDN'T YOU GET WISE YET?... YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
TRUE--WE CAN'T... BUT PERHAPS PROFESSOR HIGGINS CAN!
HIGGINS?... SO--THAT NEWS ITEM WAS JUST A PLANT, TO LURE ME HERE...
YES! IT HAD TO BE HERE, WHERE MY NEW MACHINE WOULD LOOK LIKE PART OF THE EXHIBIT--SO YOU WOULDN'T SUSPECT A TRAP!
NOW, DOLAN, MY MACHINE WILL DRAW OFF YOUR POWER--AND CURE YOU!
ZZZZZ
BUT WHEN THE POWER OF THE MACHINE AND THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTAL MAN MEET, A STRANGE REACTION TAKES PLACE...
HA, HA! MY POWER IS TOO STRONG FOR YOUR MACHINE!
QUICK! EVERYBODY OUT! THE CONDENSER IS GOING TO EXPLODE!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MOMENT, THE CROOKS RUSH OUT--BUT, IN THE MUSEUM YARD...
KEEP THOSE HEADLIGHTS ON THEM! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY IN THE DARK!
COMMISSIONER GORDON--THE POLICE--TRAPPING US IN THEIR HEADLIGHTS! QUICK, BOYS--COVER YOUR EYES!

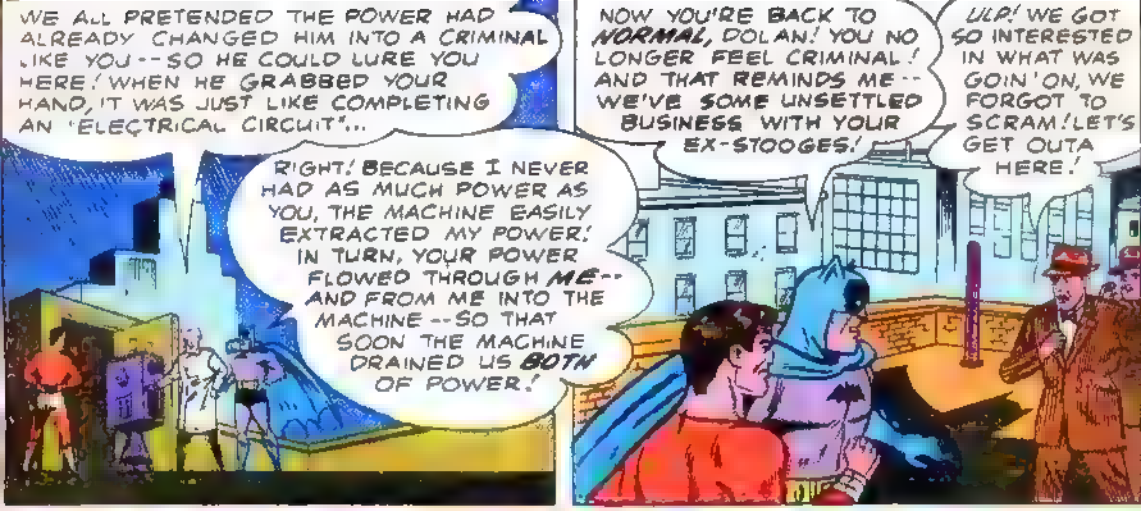
SWIFTLY, THE BIZARRE BANDIT CONVERTS HIMSELF INTO A FORM OF THE ELEMENT CARBON -- A DIAMOND!
AGH!
MY EYES!
I CAN'T SEE!
;HA, HA!. THE GLARE OF LIGHT, REFLECTED FROM MY FACETED FIGURE, WILL KEEP THEM BLINDED LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO GET AWAY!
AND AS BATMAN, STILL IN THE DOORWAY, STAGGERS BACK...
UHH-- MY EYES!
WATCH IT, BATMAN! YOU'RE HEADING INTO THE ROOM WHERE THE CONDENSER IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!
THE WARNING COMES TOO LATE, AS...
BATMAN IS CAUGHT IN THE BLAST -- AND BEING BATHED BY ITS WEIRD LIGHT!
BLAM
UGH!
AFTERWARD, AS THE STUNNED CRIME-FIGHTER REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
BATMAN-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I--I THINK SO, BUT-- I FEEL A LITTLE STRANGE...
SUDDENLY...
HOLY SMOKE! BATMAN'S CHANGING COLOR! HE'S GETTING RED!
MORE THAN THAT-- HE'S BECOMING METALLIC... A MAN OF COPPER!

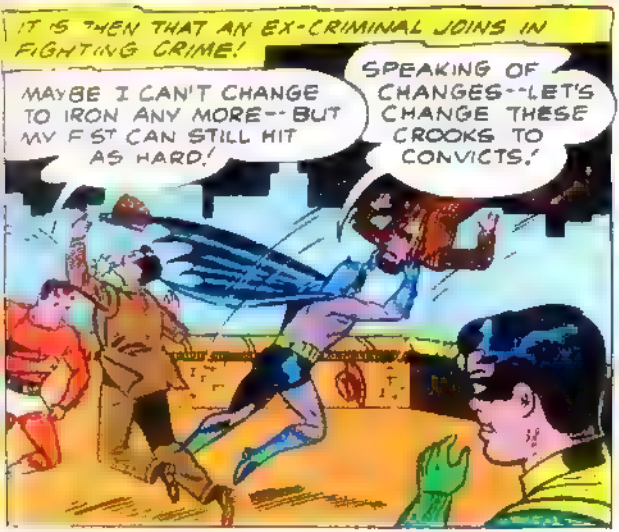
WHEN YOU WERE CAUGHT IN THE MACHINE'S RAY, IT GAVE YOU A MILD DOSE OF THE SAME AFFLICTION AS DOLAN'S!
YOU MEAN -- I'M GOING TO KEEP CHANGING FROM ONE ELEMENT TO ANOTHER?
YES... AND I CAN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A BELT TO CONTROL YOUR POWER, BECAUSE THE ELEMENTAL MAN'S BELT WAS MADE FROM PARTS OF MY ORIGINAL INVENTION -- AND CAN'T BE DUPLICATED!
THEN -- THIS ALSO MEANS THAT MY MIND WILL GRADUALLY BECOME AFFECTED -- LIKE DOLAN'S... AND THAT I'LL TURN CRIMINAL, TOO!
IN TIME -- YES!
THUS, RELUCTANTLY POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON IS FORCED TO PERFORM A DUTY, IMPRISONING BATMAN...
I -- I MUST DO THIS, BATMAN! YOU MAY TURN CRIMINAL AT ANY TIME! FOR THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC, I -- I HAVE TO JAIL YOU!
I UNDERSTAND, COMMISSIONER!
BUT, ONCE ALONE, BEHIND THE SOLID STEEL DOOR OF HIS SPECIAL CELL...
NOW I'M CHANGING INTO ANOTHER ELEMENT -- SULPHUR! I MUST GET OUT -- ESCAPE... AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY! I'LL HAVE TO WAIT -- UNTIL I CHANGE INTO A CERTAIN ELEMENT!
THE HOURS PASS, AND BATMAN CONVERTS FROM ONE SUBSTANCE TO ANOTHER -- TILL FINALLY...
AT LAST -- I'VE BECOME THE ELEMENT MERCURY!

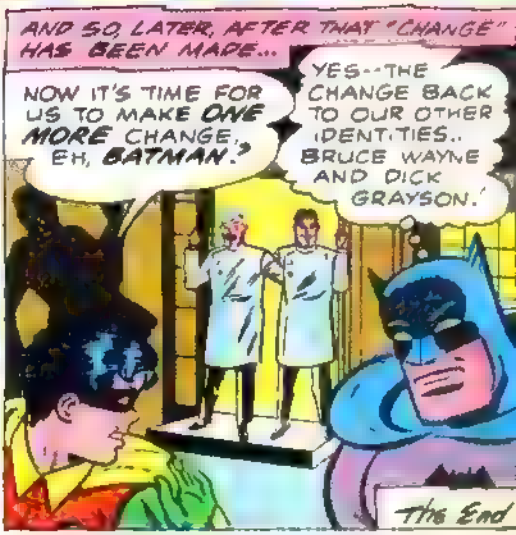
SINCE MERCURY IS A LIQUID METAL, I CAN FLOW OUT OF THE CELL!
SOON AFTER, THE ALERT GOES OUT...
CALLING ALL CARS! BATMAN HAS ESCAPED JAIL! HE MUST BE RECAPTURED!
IMAGINE -- BATMAN ON THE LAM! I'D FEEL AWFUL IF I WERE THE ONE WHO HAD TO ARREST HIM!
NEXT MORNING, ON A SPECIAL TELECAST...
ROBIN, WE HEAR THAT YOU HAVE JOINED THE POLICE IN HUNTING BATMAN! WHY?
I'M DOING IT BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH BATMAN IS MY BEST FRIEND - HE IS NOW A PUBLIC MENACE!
AS PROFESSOR HIGGINS EXPLAINED, H S MACHINE'S POWER AFFECTED DOLAN'S MIND -- TURNED HIM INTO A CRIMINAL! IT'S DONE THE SAME TO BATMAN!
SO -- THAT'S WHY I BECAME A CRIMINAL, EH? WELL -- NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY BATMAN BROKE OUT OF JAIL! HE'S A CRIMINAL NOW, TOO!
LATER, AS THE ELEMENTAL MAN AND HIS HIRELINGS STRIKE AGAIN...
IN MY IRON FORM, I CAN SMASH RIGHT INTO THIS ART MUSEUM -- AND STEAL THEIR MOST PRICELESS PAINTING!
CRASH
BUT, AS THE BANDIT SEIZES THE PAINTING...
I WANT THAT PAINTING FOR MYSELF... AND DON'T TRY TO STOP ME! I'M IRON, TOO -- AND AS STRONG AS YOU ARE!
CHEE!.. BATMAN -- HIJACKING THE PAINTING FROM US!

YOU FORGET, BATMAN--WITH MY BELT, I CAN CONTROL YOUR CHANGES! I'VE JUST TURNED YOU INTO CALCIUM--WHICH IS MUCH SOFTER THAN IRON! NOW--HAND BACK THAT PAINTING OR I'LL CRUSH YOU!
OKAY--YOU WIN! BUT WHY SHOULD WE FIGHT EACH OTHER WHEN WE CAN WORK TOGETHER? DON'T FORGET, I KNOW WHERE MANY VALUABLES ARE STORED--AND HOW THEY'RE GUARDED...
TRUE...YOU COULD LEAD US TO PLENTY OF LOOT, BUT--HOW DO I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU?
JUST THEN COMES AN URGENT PLEA...
NO, BATMAN! DON'T JOIN UP WITH THE ELEMENTAL MAN!
ROBIN! HE MUST HAVE SPOTTED ME AND TRAILED ME HERE!
I'LL STOP YOU FROM BECOMING A CROOK--EVEN IF I HAVE TO FIGHT YOU TO STOP YOU!
OH, YEAH? I'LL SHOW YOU, YOU LITTLE BRAT! ELEMENTAL MAN--QUICK...TURN ME BACK TO IRON SO I CAN SLUG THIS KID!
THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO TEST BATMAN! IF HE DOESN'T HIT ROBIN, THEN I'LL KNOW HE'S ONLY PRETENDING TO THROW IN WITH ME!
NEXT INSTANT...
THERE, SMALL FRY!... MAYBE NOW YOU'LL STOP BOTHERING ME!
HE ACTUALLY DID IT! YESSIR, IT LOOKS LIKE BATMAN AND I ARE A TEAM FROM NOW ON!

LET'S GET STARTED! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE THERE'S A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS!
OKAY BATMAN-- LEAD THE WAY!
SOME TIME LATER..
WHY ARE WE GOING THERE BY WAY OF THE ROOF?
BECAUSE THE JEWELRY COMPANY KEEPS ITS STOCK OF DIAMONDS ON THE TOP FLOOR! GIVE ME YOUR HAND-- I'LL HELP YOU UP!
AS THEIR HANDS CLASP--NEARBY ANOTHER HAND CLASPS A SWITCH.
INSTANTLY THE FIGURES OF BATMAN AND THE ELEMENTAL MAN ARE TRANSFIXED BY CRACKLING ENERGY!..
YIIII!
AND WHEN THE FORCE EBBS AWAY..
PROFESSOR HIGGINS! YOU WERE HIDING HERE! THE MACHINE-- YOU REBUILT IT!
YES-- THE MACHINE YOU NEARLY DESTROYED BECAUSE YOUR POWER WAS TOO STRONG FOR IT!
BATMAN LATER REALIZED THAT IF HE COULD DRAW OFF SOME OF YOUR POWER THEN THE MACHINE WOULD BE STRONGER THAN YOU! BECAUSE OF THAT, BATMAN BROKE OUT OF JAIL--AND CAME TO ME WITH HIS PLAN.


WE ALL PRETENDED THE POWER HAD ALREADY CHANGED HIM INTO A CRIMINAL LIKE YOU--SO HE COULD LURE YOU HERE! WHEN HE GRABBED YOUR HAND, IT WAS JUST LIKE COMPLETING AN 'ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT'...
RIGHT! BECAUSE I NEVER HAD AS MUCH POWER AS YOU, THE MACHINE EASILY EXTRACTED MY POWER! IN TURN, YOUR POWER FLOWED THROUGH ME--AND FROM ME INTO THE MACHINE--SO THAT SOON THE MACHINE DRAINED US BOTH OF POWER!
NOW YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL, DOLAN! YOU NO LONGER FEEL CRIMINAL! AND THAT REMINDS ME--WE'VE SOME UNSETTLED BUSINESS WITH YOUR EX-STOOGES!
ULP! WE GOT SO INTERESTED IN WHAT WAS GOIN' ON, WE FORGOT TO SCRAM! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!


IT IS THEN THAT AN EX-CRIMINAL JOINS IN FIGHTING CRIME!
MAYBE I CAN'T CHANGE TO IRON ANY MORE--BUT MY FIST CAN STILL HIT AS HARD!
SPEAKING OF CHANGES--LET'S CHANGE THESE CROOKS TO CONVICTS!


AND SO LATER, AFTER THAT "CHANGE" HAS BEEN MADE...
NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO MAKE ONE MORE CHANGE, EH, BATMAN?
YES--THE CHANGE BACK TO OUR OTHER IDENTITIES.. BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON.
The End

METAMORPHO
The ELEMENT MAN
THE FABULOUS FREAK IS REALLY ON THE HOT SPOT!
ON SALE MAY 24TH
For the MOST in THRILLS...
GO-GO-GO
SUPERMAN
DC
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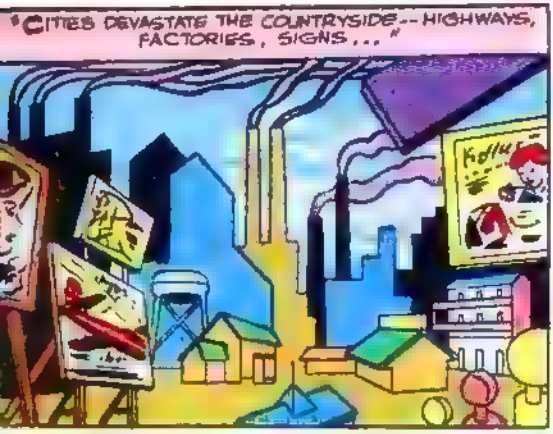
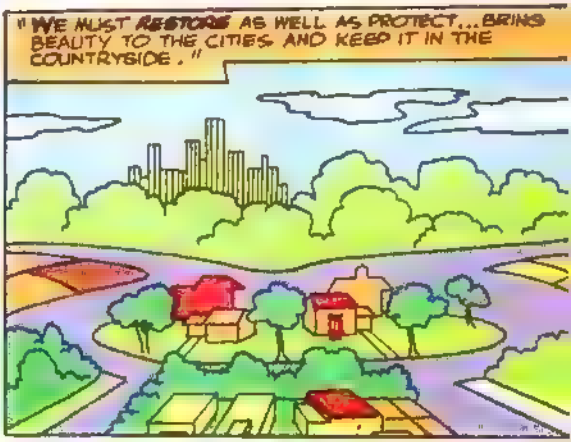
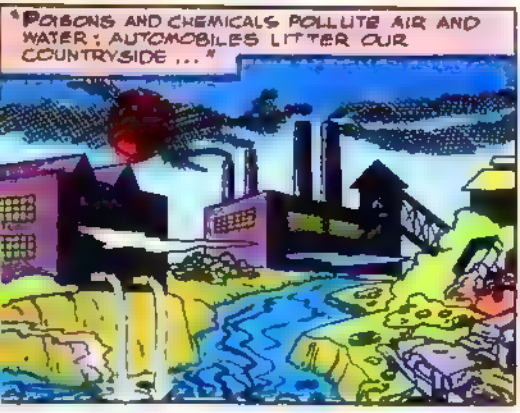
DIG THE KING of ATLANTIS!
AQUAMAN
KING AQUARAY SAYS THUMBS DOWN! DELIVER THE DEATH BLOW TO AQUAMAN
NOW ON SALE

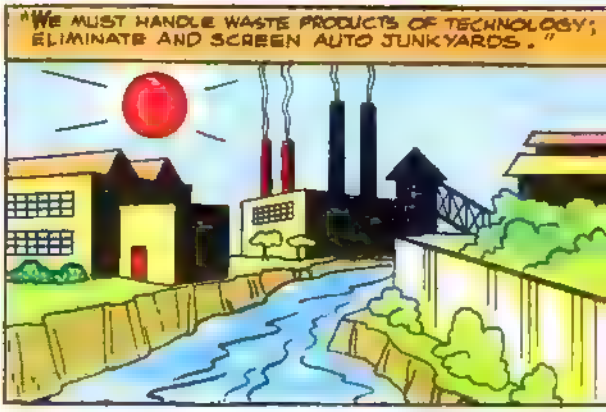
NATURAL BEAUTY--EVERYBODY'S FIGHT

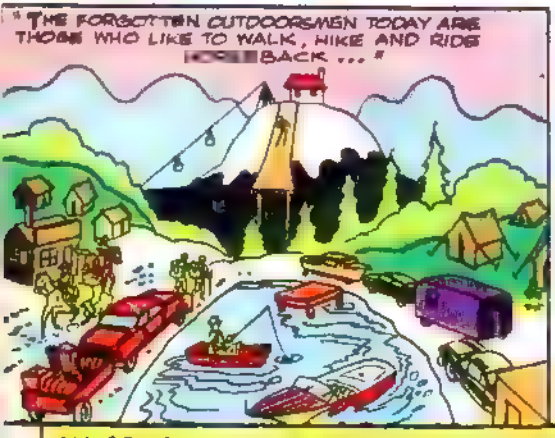
PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAYS: "AT FIRST THERE SEEMED TO BE NO END TO THE WONDER OF THE LAND. AND THEN THE COUNTRY GREW. THERE CAME IGNORANCE, GREED AND RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION. TODAY, NATURAL BEAUTY HAS NEW ENEMIES, AND WE NEED NEW WEAPONS TO FIGHT THESE ENEMIES."

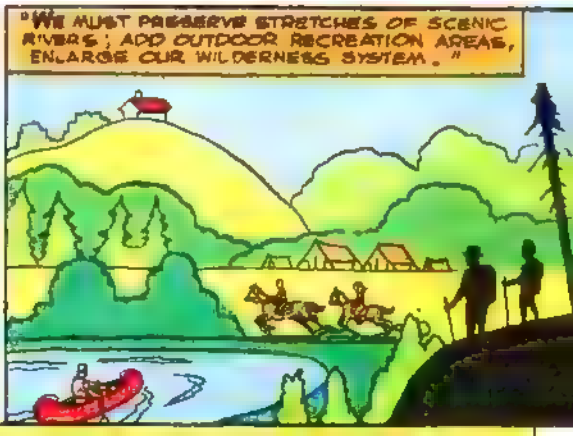












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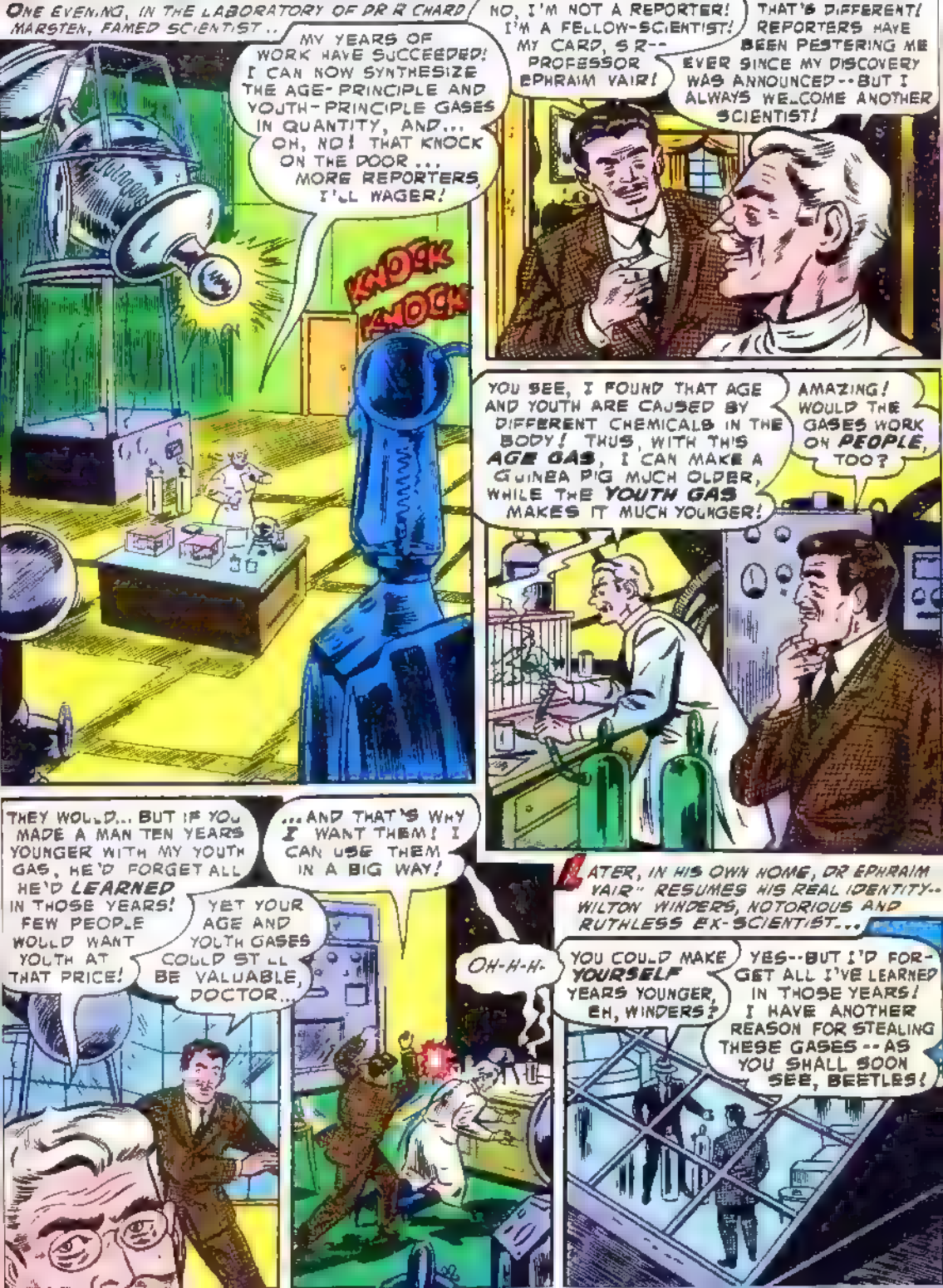
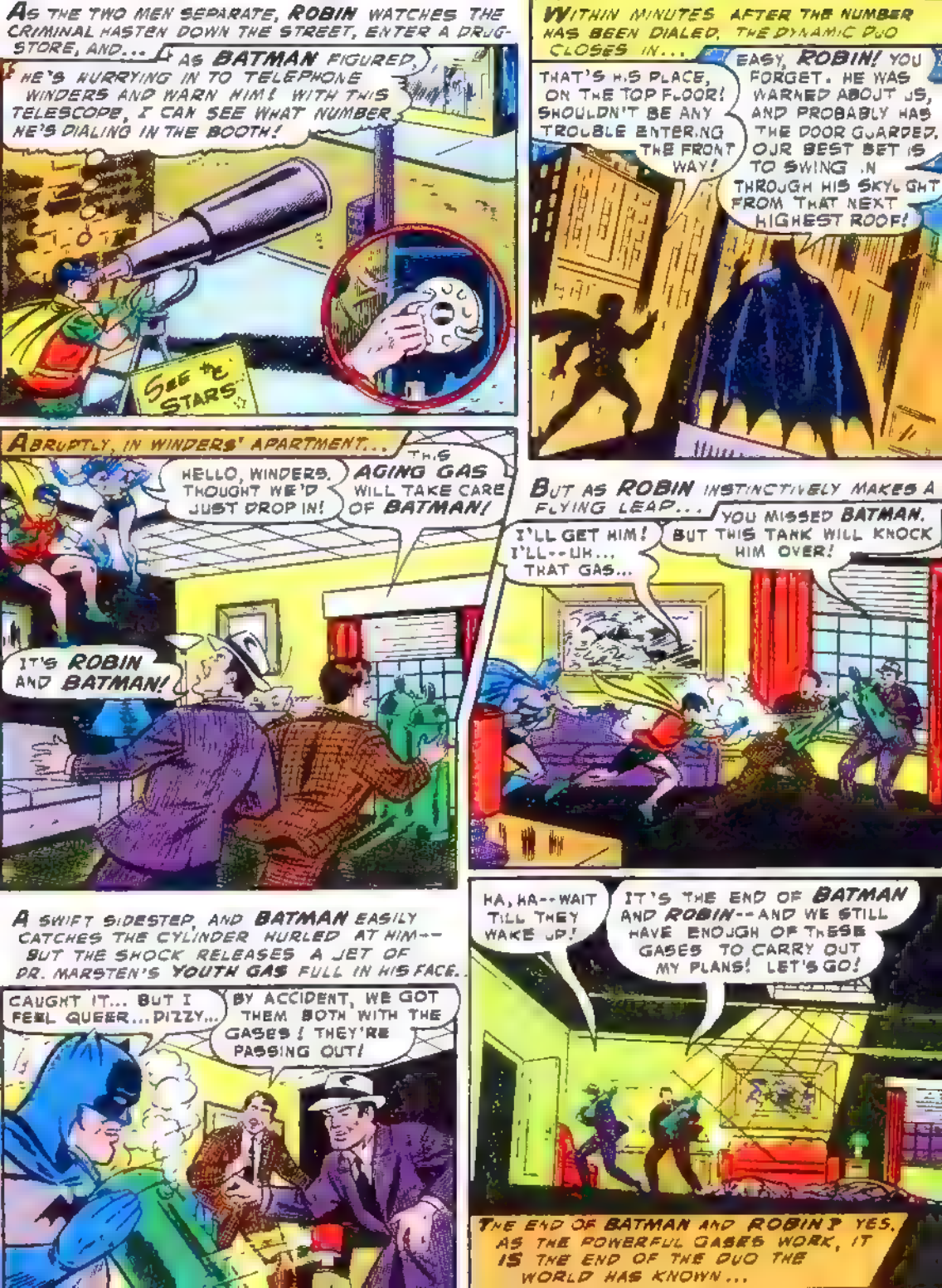
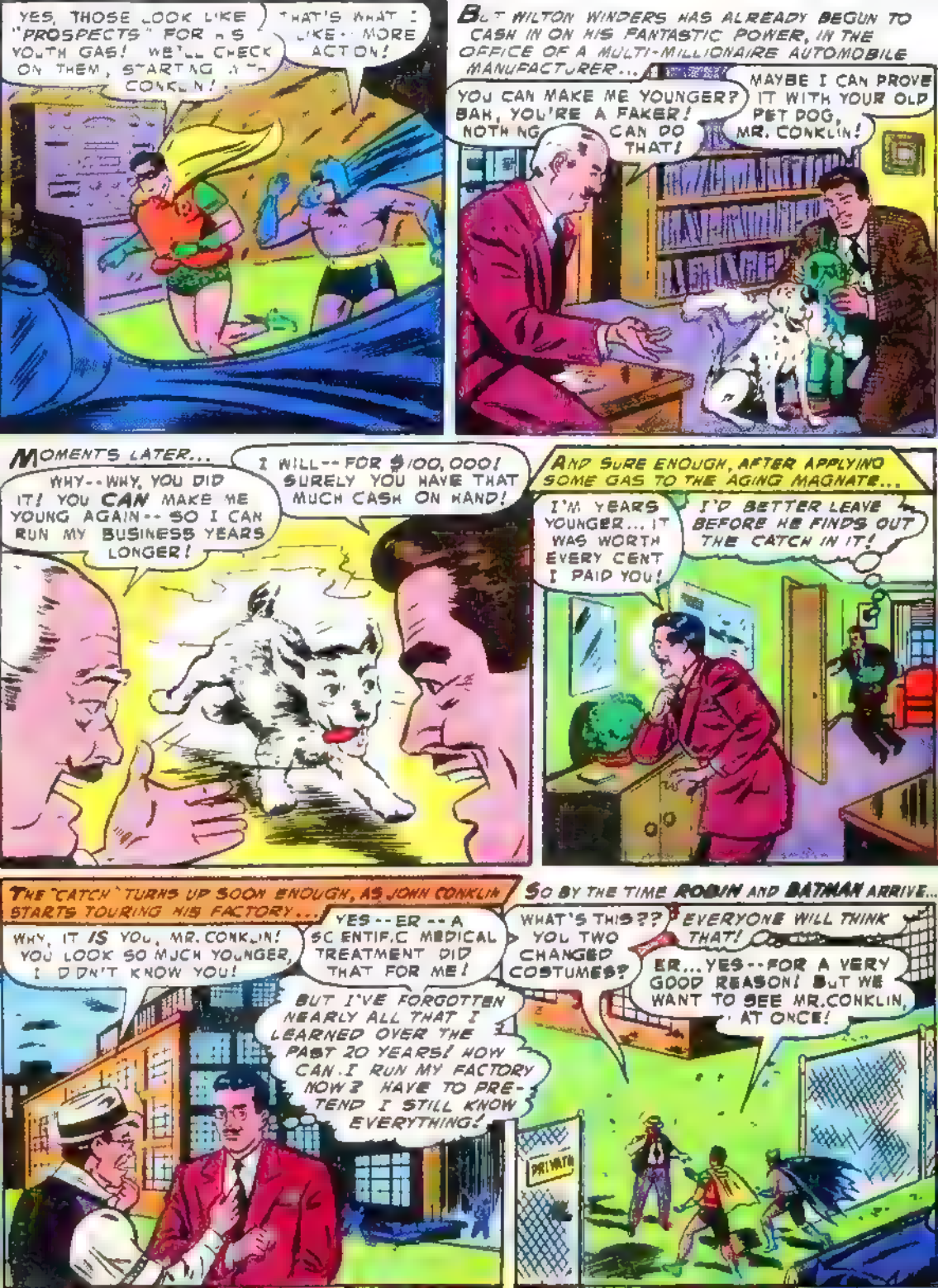
BAT MAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
STAY BACK, BATMAN! YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR A DANGEROUS JOB LIKE THIS!
THE MOST TERRIFIC TEAM EVER TO STRIKE TERROR INTO WRONG-DOERS--THAT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! THE MATURE JUDGMENT AND SURPASSING DETECTIVE SKILL OF THE BATMAN MAKE HIM A PERFECT PARTNER FOR THE MORE IMPETUOUS, RECKLESS COURAGE OF YOUNG ROBIN! BUT WHEN SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY CAUSES AN INCREDIBLE UPSET, THE BOY WONDER BECOMES THE MAN, AND THE GREAT DETECTIVE THE BOY, AS YOU SHALL SEE, IN THIS STORY OF...
BATMAN, JUNIOR AND ROBIN, SENIOR!
BOB KANE


ONE EVENING, IN THE LABORATORY OF DR R CHARD MARSTEN, FAMED SCIENTIST..
MY YEARS OF WORK HAVE SUCCEEDED! I CAN NOW SYNTHESIZE THE AGE-PRINCIPLE AND YOUTH-PRINCIPLE GASES IN QUANTITY, AND... OH, NO! THAT KNOCK ON THE DOOR... MORE REPORTERS, I'LL WAGER!
KNOCK KNOCK
NO, I'M NOT A REPORTER! I'M A FELLOW-SCIENTIST! MY CARD, SIR-- PROFESSOR EPHRAIM VAIR!
THAT'S DIFFERENT! REPORTERS HAVE BEEN PESTERING ME EVER SINCE MY DISCOVERY WAS ANNOUNCED--BUT I ALWAYS WELCOME ANOTHER SCIENTIST!
YOU SEE, I FOUND THAT AGE AND YOUTH ARE CAUSED BY DIFFERENT CHEMICALS IN THE BODY! THUS, WITH THIS AGE GAS, I CAN MAKE A GUINEA PIG MUCH OLDER, WHILE THE YOUTH GAS MAKES IT MUCH YOUNGER!
AMAZING! WOULD THE GASES WORK ON PEOPLE, TOO?
THEY WOULD... BUT IF YOU MADE A MAN TEN YEARS YOUNGER WITH MY YOUTH GAS, HE'D FORGET ALL HE'D LEARNED IN THOSE YEARS! FEW PEOPLE WOULD WANT YOUTH AT THAT PRICE!
YET YOUR AGE AND YOUTH GASES COULD STILL BE VALUABLE, DOCTOR..
...AND THAT'S WHY I WANT THEM! I CAN USE THEM IN A BIG WAY!
OH-H-H-
LATER, IN HIS OWN HOME, DR EPHRAIM VAIR RESUMES HIS REAL IDENTITY-- WILTON WINDERS, NOTORIOUS AND RUTHLESS EX-SCIENTIST...
YOU COULD MAKE YOURSELF YEARS YOUNGER, EH, WINDERS?
YES--BUT I'D FORGET ALL I'VE LEARNED IN THOSE YEARS! I HAVE ANOTHER REASON FOR STEALING THESE GASES--AS YOU SHALL SOON SEE, BEETLES!

MEANWHILE, IN THE MANSION OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
OH-OH--UP IN THE SKY... THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE!
LET'S GO, DICK...THE POLICE HAVE ANOTHER CASE FOR US!
ASTLY, THE TWO SHED THEIR EVERYDAY GARMENTS AND DON THE FIGHTING COSTUMES OF...
...BATMAN AND ROBIN, MASKED DEFENDERS OF LAW AND ORDER!
A QUICK TRIP TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS--AND AFTERWARDS, IN DR. MARSTEN'S LABORATORY..
BUT AWHILE LATER, AS THEY STREAK THROUGH THE STREETS IN THEIR FAMED BATMOBILE...
HE'S IN A COMA--WON'T RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS FOR DAYS! SOMEONE KNOCKED HIM OUT AND STOLE HIS AGE AND YOUTH GASES... BUT WHO...
THIS CALLING CARD OF A PROFESSOR EPHRAIM VAIR WAS IN HIS POCKET. HE'S THE MAN WE'VE GOT TO FIND!
THERE WAS NO PROFESSOR VAIR LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK--SO HE MUST HAVE BEEN A FAKE!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO CHECK WITH ALL THE PRINTING SHOPS IN GOTHAM CITY! ONE OF THEM MUST'VE PRINTED UP THOSE PHONY CALLING CARDS!
AND SURE ENOUGH, BEFORE LONG, IN A SMALL DOWNTOWN PRINTING OFFICE...
THAT DESCRIPTION FITS WILTON WINDERS, THE CRIMINAL EX-SCIENTIST!
YES, I PRINTED THOSE CARDS THIS MORNING! PROFESSOR VAIR WAS A BIG GUY, MIDDLE-AGED, WITH BROWN HAIR AND MUSTACHE!
WE'VE GOT TO NAB HIM FAST, BEFORE HE CAN USE THOSE GASES!
THEN, AS BATMAN QUESTIONS THE PETTY CRIMINAL...
NAW--I DON'T KNOW WHERE WILTON WINDERS IS! IF YOU WANT HIM, FIND HIM YOURSELF!
I INTEND TO DO JUST THAT!
SWIFTLY, BATMAN TRACKS DOWN A POSSIBLE LEAD...
YOU SAY THAT MAN WAS ONE OF WINDERS' SHADY FRIENDS IN THE PAST? BUT EVEN IF HE KNOWS WHERE WINDERS IS, HE WON'T TELL YOU!
HE MAY, ROBIN, WITHOUT INTENDING TO! LISTEN--HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...


AS THE TWO MEN SEPARATE, ROBIN WATCHES THE CRIMINAL HASTEN DOWN THE STREET, ENTER A DRUG-STORE, AND...
AS BATMAN FIGURED, HE'S HURRYING IN TO TELEPHONE WINDERS AND WARN HIM! WITH THIS TELESCOPE, I CAN SEE WHAT NUMBER HE'S DIALING IN THE BOOTH!
SEE THE STARS
WITHIN MINUTES AFTER THE NUMBER HAS BEEN DIALED, THE DYNAMIC DUO CLOSES IN...
THAT'S HIS PLACE, ON THE TOP FLOOR! SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE ENTERING THE FRONT WAY!
EASY, ROBIN! YOU FORGET. HE WAS WARNED ABOUT US, AND PROBABLY HAS THE DOOR GUARDED. OUR BEST BET IS TO SWING IN THROUGH HIS SKYLIGHT FROM THAT NEXT HIGHEST ROOF!
ABRUPTLY, IN WINDERS' APARTMENT...
HELLO, WINDERS. THOUGHT WE'D JUST DROP IN!
THIS AGING GAS WILL TAKE CARE OF BATMAN!
IT'S ROBIN AND BATMAN!
BUT AS ROBIN INSTINCTIVELY MAKES A FLYING LEAP...
I'LL GET HIM! I'LL--UH... THAT GAS...
YOU MISSED BATMAN. BUT THIS TANK WILL KNOCK HIM OVER!
A SWIFT SIDESTEP, AND BATMAN EASILY CATCHES THE CYLINDER HURLED AT HIM--BUT THE SHOCK RELEASES A JET OF DR. MARSTEN'S YOUTH GAS FULL IN HIS FACE.
CAUGHT IT... BUT I FEEL QUEER... DIZZY...
BY ACCIDENT, WE GOT THEM BOTH WITH THE GASES! THEY'RE PASSING OUT!
HA, HA--WAIT TILL THEY WAKE UP!
IT'S THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN--AND WE STILL HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE GASES TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS! LET'S GO!
THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN? YES, AS THE POWERFUL GASES WORK, IT IS THE END OF THE DUO THE WORLD HAS KNOWN...

...FOR WHEN THEY AWAKEN, THEY FIND THEMSELVES INCREDIBLY TRANSFORMED!
WHY-- WHY-- MY COSTUME SEEMS TOO TIGHT AND SMALL, AND-- AND... BATMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
LOOK AT YOURSELF, ROBIN! IN THE MIRROR!
WINDERS' AGING GAS CAUGHT ME... I'M TEN YEARS OLDER-- A GROWN MAN! AND THE YOUTH GAS GOT YOU ACCIDENTALLY, AND MADE YOU TEN YEARS YOUNGER-- A BOY!
AND I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I LEARNED SINCE I WAS A BOY!
WE'LL FIND WINDERS... HIS STOLEN GASES WILL MAKE US NORMAL AGAIN! BUT FIRST WE'LL RETURN TO THE BAT-CAVE! WE'LL FIX THESE COSTUMES WHILE I BRIEF YOU ON THINGS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN!
SWELL-- LET'S GO!
NOT SO FAST! FIRST WE HAVE TO SEARCH FOR ANY CLUES WINDERS MIGHT'VE LEFT! HMM-- ARTICLES HAVE BEEN CUT OUT OF THESE PAPERS... WE'LL TAKE THEM ALONG!
AW, COME ON, ROBIN! OLD NEWSPAPERS IN A WASTEBASKET WON'T TELL US ANYTHING!
STRANGE INDEED IS THE TRANSFORMATION THAT HAS MADE ROBIN THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE TEAM...
NEXT MORNING, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE AFTER ALTERING THEIR COSTUMES, THEY STUDY THE NEWSPAPERS CAREFULLY...
WHY DON'T WE JUST HUNT DOWN THIS WINDERS AND GRAB HIM?
WE WILL-- BUT TOO MUCH HASTE WILL GET US NOWHERE!
HE--HE'S LIKE A BOY NOW, IMPULSIVE AND RECKLESS, AS I ONCE WAS! I'VE GOT TO RESTRAIN HIM THE WAY HE USED TO RESTRAIN ME!
THE ARTICLES WINDERS CUT OUT WERE ABOUT JOHN CONKLIN, AUTOMOBILE MAGNATE-- VICTOR VERNE, THE VETERAN MOVIE STAR-- AND OTHER RICH MEN... ALL AGING MEN!
THEN WINDERS IS PLANNING TO SELL THEM YOUTH?


YES, THOSE LOOK LIKE "PROSPECTS" FOR A S YOUTH GAS! WE'LL CHECK ON THEM, STARTING WITH CONKLIN!
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE -- MORE ACTION!
BUT WILTON WINDERS HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO CASH IN ON HIS FANTASTIC POWER, IN THE OFFICE OF A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER...
YOU CAN MAKE ME YOUNGER? BAH, YOU'RE A FAKER! NOTHING CAN DO THAT!
MAYBE I CAN PROVE IT WITH YOUR OLD PET DOG, MR. CONKLIN!
MOMENTS LATER...
WHY--WHY, YOU DID IT! YOU CAN MAKE ME YOUNG AGAIN -- SO I CAN RUN MY BUSINESS YEARS LONGER!
I WILL -- FOR $100,000! SURELY YOU HAVE THAT MUCH CASH ON HAND!
AND SURE ENOUGH, AFTER APPLYING SOME GAS TO THE AGING MAGNATE...
I'M YEARS YOUNGER... IT WAS WORTH EVERY CENT I PAID YOU!
I'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE HE FINDS OUT THE CATCH IN IT!
THE "CATCH" TURNS UP SOON ENOUGH, AS JOHN CONKLIN STARTS TOURING HIS FACTORY...
WHY, IT IS YOU, MR. CONKLIN! YOU LOOK SO MUCH YOUNGER, I DON'T KNOW YOU!
YES -- ER -- A SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL TREATMENT DID THAT FOR ME!
BUT I'VE FORGOTTEN NEARLY ALL THAT I LEARNED OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS! HOW CAN I RUN MY FACTORY NOW? I HAVE TO PRETEND I STILL KNOW EVERYTHING!
SO BY THE TIME ROBIN AND BATMAN ARRIVE...
WHAT'S THIS?? YOU TWO CHANGED COSTUMES?
EVERYONE WILL THINK THAT!
ER... YES -- FOR A VERY GOOD REASON! BUT WE WANT TO SEE MR. CONKLIN, AT ONCE!
PRIVATE

HE'S IN THE FACTORY SOMEWHERE! FUNNY THING... HE LOOKED SO MUCH YOUNGER TODAY, BUT ACTED STRANGELY -- ALMOST BEWILDERED!
THEN WE'RE TOO LATE! WE'D BETTER FIND CONKLIN FAST!
AND AS THEY SEARCH FRANTICALLY..
OH, NO-- MR. CONKLIN WOULDN'T RISK GOING IN THERE! THAT'S WHERE WE DRY NEWLY PAINTED CARS, BY MEANS OF TREMENDOUS AUTOMATIC HEAT LAMPS! NO HUMAN COULD POSSIBLY STAND IT!
HE MIGHT NOT KNOW THE RISK IF HE DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT NOW!
INDEED, JUST AS ROBIN FEARED...
THOSE TERRIBLE HEAT LAMPS SUDDENLY WENT ON! I CAN'T SEE...HEAT GETTING ME...
THERE HE IS, OVERCOME! AND THE LAMPS WORK AUTOMATICALLY, SO I CAN'T SHUT THEM OFF IN TIME!
I'LL GET HIM OUT!
NOT SO FAST--YOU'LL BE OVERPOWERED YOURSELF! QUICK--TURN THE CONVEYOR-LINE TO HIGH SPEED, AND HOP ON ONE OF THESE CARS!
CONVEYOR SPEED CONTROL
LATER, A REVIVED MAGNATE BITTERLY REGRETS HIS BARGAIN..
I NEARLY LOST MY LIFE BECAUSE I FORGOT THINGS! I WANT MY OWN AGE -- MY OWN MEMORIES AND KNOWLEDGE -- BACK AGAIN!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO RESTORE YOU TO NORMAL IF WE CATCH WINDERS! BUT WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST, BEFORE HE TRICKS OTHERS!
AND AS A SPEEDED-UP CONVEYOR-LINE RUSHES NEW CARS THROUGH THE TERRIFIC HEAT...
GOT HIM!
NOW KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED. THE CONVEYOR WILL HAVE US OUT IN A MOMENT!

OUTSIDE, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
OUR BEST BET IS TO SPLIT UP! I'LL WARN VINCENT VERNE, THE MOVIE ACTOR, WHILE YOU WARN THE OTHERS MENTIONED IN THE CLIPPINGS!
GOOD IDEA! I'LL ALSO HAVE COMMISSIONER GORDON ALERT THE WHOLE CITY! BUT BE CAREFUL, BATMAN! REMEMBER, NO RECKLESS K O STUFF!
AND AFTER THE TWO HAVE SEPARATED
COMMISSIONER GORDON? ROBIN SPEAKING! I WANT A BROADCAST WARNING ALL GOTHAM CITY THAT THE REJUVENATION OFFERED BY WILTON WINDERS IS DANGEROUS!
REJUVENATION? THEN WINDERS IS USING THOSE STOLEN GASES? ALL RIGHT, ROBIN-- WE'LL GET OUT A CITY-WIDE WARNING!
ODD... ROBIN'S VOICE WAS SO DEEP -- ALMOST LIKE A MAN'S VOICE -- YET HE SPOKE JUST THE WAY ROBIN DOES! I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
SOUNDS WEIRD, COMMISSIONER!
IN THE MEANTIME, AFTER ROBIN HAS WARNED ALL THE OTHER INTENDED VICTIMS...
WINDERS HADN'T CONTACTED THE OTHERS YET, SO HE MUST HAVE GONE TO THAT MOVIE STAR, VINCENT VERNE! AND IF BATMAN RUNS INTO HIM... BATMAN'S SO YOUNG AND RECKLESS NOW... I--I HOPE NOTHING GOES WRONG!
WINDERS IS INDEED AHEAD OF THE YOUTHFUL BATMAN-- FOR ON THE LOCATION-BET WHERE A SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL FILM IS IN THE MAKING...
MR. VERNE IS IN HIS DRESSING TENT, GETTING READY FOR THE BIG CHARIOT-RACE SCENE!
AS I TOLD YOUR GATE-MAN, THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
AND IN THE FAMED OLD ACTOR'S TENT...
THAT'S RIGHT... I CAN MAKE YOU YEARS YOUNGER! FOR $100,000, YOU CAN REMAIN A BIG STAR FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS!
MAKE ME YEARS YOUNGER? YOU MUST BE CRAZY!

JUST THEN...
OOF! WINDERS--IT'S BATMAN! EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A KID, HE'S STILL AFTER US!
DON'T YOU KNOW, I'M THE BOY WONDER NOW?
I'D BETTER GET OUT THE BACK WAY FAST!
THERE'S ROBIN JUST ARRIVING, TOO--AND HE'S A MAN NOW! GOT TO MAKE A DIVERSION! HMM--THESE "CHARIOTEERS" ARE HAVING A HARD TIME HOLDING BACK THEIR HORSES!
WINDERS RAN THAT WAY! WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM!
NO, HE'S STAMPEDED THE CHARIOT-HORSES! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM, OR THEY'LL TRAMPLE ALL THESE PEOPLE! COME ON--THIS WAY!
THEY'LL HAVE AN EVEN HARDER TIME HOLDING THEM IF THEY'RE OLD AND WEAK!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? I FEEL GROGGY--WEAK...
AND THE REVERSED DUO MAKES RESOURCEFUL USE OF THE GREAT WIND-MACHINES THAT FURNISH MOVIE "STORMS"...
HOPE THIS STOPS THEM!
THEY'RE ALMOST ON US!
RUN! THEY'RE GOING TO TRAMPLE US!
THE DUST WE'RE KICKING UP WITH THE WIND-MACHINES.. IT SHOULD BLIND AND STOP THEM!

...D W TH ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE...
HE'S STILL A TERRIBLE MENACE... AND THE PEOPLE HE'S AGED OR REJUVENATED MUST BE MADE NORMAL--INCLUDING US!
WHEW! WE STOPPED THE STAMPEDE-- BUT WINDERS GOT AWAY!
WHEN HIS ACCOMPLICE COMES TO, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL US WHERE WINDERS IS HEADING NOW!
BUT THE CHANCES ARE HE'LL REFUSE TO!
MAYBE I CAN BLUFF HIM INTO IT! THIS MAKE-UP FROM MY UTILITY-BELT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
I GET IT... YOU'RE MAKING HIM UP TO LOOK OLD!
AS ROBIN HOPED, IT'S AN APPALLING AWAKENING FOR THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST'S ACCOMPLICE..
WHAT HAPPENED? I'M OLD-- OLD!
THE AGE GAS WINDERS USED WAS SQUIRTED AROUND TOO FREELY! BUT IF WE CAN CAPTURE HIM AND HIS YOUTH GAS, WE'LL MAKE YOU NORMAL AGAIN!
A SCARED WRONGDOER BABBLES ALL HE KNOWS...
SURE, SURE-- I'LL EVEN TELL YOU HIS PLANS! HE SAID WE'D CLEAN UP FAST AND LEAVE GOTHAM CITY ON TODAY'S NORTHERN EXPRESS TRAIN!
ROBIN! BATMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
SWIFT EXPLANATIONS EMPHASIZE THE MENACE THAT LOOMS OVER GOTHAM CITY...
IT'S FRIGHTENING! I SSUED A WARNING BROADCAST, SO NO ONE WILL BUY "YOUTH" FROM WINDERS-- BUT HE CAN WREAK HAVOC WITH THOSE GASES!
WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE TO RUN HIM DOWN FAST! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO BECOME NORMAL AGAIN!

AS THE ALARM FOR A FANTASTIC LAWBREAKER SPREADS, WILTON WINDERS STRIKES BACK WITH HIS INCREDIBLE WEAPONS...
...SIX FEET HIGH, BROWN HAIR, CARRYING TWO SMALL TANKS, URGENTLY WANTED!
WHY, YOU'RE THE MAN } CHOKE { WHAT--? } CHOKE {
YOU'RE NOT STOPPING ME!
WHY-- WHAT-- I'M YOUNGER! I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO NOW!
LOOK-- THERE GOES THE WANTED MAN, RUNNING FROM THAT OFFICER! AFTER HIM!
IT'S WITH AGE, NOT YOUTH, THAT WINDERS STRIKES BACK AGAIN...
LOOK OUT-- HE'S USING GAS!
TOO LATE-- IT'S GOT US!
I CAN STILL MAKE IT TO THE TRAIN, AND GET AWAY TO MY OUT-OF-TOWN HIDEOUT!
BUT AS HE REACHES THE RAILROAD TERMINAL...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! EVEN WITH THEIR CHANGED AGES, THEY WON'T GIVE UP! THAT FOOL BEETLES MUST HAVE SQUEALED... I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET PAST THEM!
LUGGAGE SHOP
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... TO MAKE MYSELF SO OLD, THEY WON'T RECOGNIZE ME! I CAN ALWAYS BECOME YOUNG AGAIN WHEN I'M SAFE!

WITH MY TANKS IN THIS SUITCASE, AND MY GREAT AGE AND DARK GLASSES, THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE ME! I CAN WALK TO THE TRAIN NOW!
LUGGAGE
BUT ROBIN AND BATMAN HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE ONE HUMAN FEATURE THAT NEVER CHANGES...
NORTHERN EXPRESS ABOUT TO LEAVE ON TRACK 5!
LOOK-- THAT'S WINDERS! YOU CAN TELL A MAN AT ANY AGE BY HIS EARS!
I THOUGHT HE'D TRY CHANGING HIS AGE TO EVADE US! AFTER HIM!
TO TRAINS
ALL ABOARD!
I CAN STILL MAKE IT! I'LL GASP GIVE THEM THE SLIP YET GASP!
BUT AN IRONICAL RETRIBUTION INTERVENES...
I'M TOO OLD TO RUN FAST ENOUGH-- TOO WEAK! MY OWN AGE-DISGUISE DEFEATED ME!
WE'LL MAKE YOU YOUR OWN AGE AGAIN, WINDERS-- SO YOU CAN SERVE PLENTY OF YEARS IN PRISON!
AND SO, AFTER THE AGE AND YOUTH GASES HAVE RESTORED THE REVERSED DUO TO NORMAL...
THANK GOODNESS THERE WAS ENOUGH GAS LEFT TO MAKE YOU TWO, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS, YOUR NORMAL AGE AGAIN!
AND THOUGH PROFESSOR MARSTEN'S RECOVERING, IN HIS COMA HE LOST ALL MEMORY OF HIS FORMULA-- SO THIS CAN NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!
LATER, ENROUTE HOME...
I'LL DRIVE, BATMAN, AND WE'LL-- OOPS! I FORGOT-- YOU'RE THE MAN OF THIS TEAM AGAIN!
AND A GOOD THING, TOO! SCHOOL BEGINS TOMORROW, AND I WAS AFRAID BATMAN WOULD HAVE TO GO INSTEAD OF ROBIN!
THE END

Dear Editor: I've just finished reading the latest GIANT BATMAN. I think "The Joker's Utility Belt" and "The Calendar Man" were terrific. The Sunday Newspaper Syndicated story was excellent. "The Fox, the Shark and the Vulture" and "The Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero" were also very good, but I did not find "Parasols of Plunder" impressive. I think you should include at least one "touching" story in your GIANT BATMAN issues to come.

Gregory Pigna, Plainfield, N.J.

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Dear Editor: Being human, I have never seen an 80 page Giant in which I liked every story. But in the latest GIANT BATMAN, you displayed great talent. To start off, "Parasols of Plunder" was enough to make me think that the Penguin was going to reform, though it was too good to be true. "The Fox, Shark and Vulture" was a new villain story. So were "The Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero," and "The Calendar Man." "Caveman at Large" was excellent as well as different. And I was glad to see you didn't go by without a Joker story. To sum up, the Syndicated story was well done. Keep up the good work.

Jeffrey Morgan, Toronto, Canada

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Dear Editor: Please have a GIANT BATMAN of the JOKER. We think he's one of the best of Batman's foes.

David Silverman, Wayne Luci, Frank Belmont and others, Lynbrook, N.Y.

(We think the Joker is great, too, but as previously indicated, we think a whole issue might be too monotonous. However, in the next issue, since there has been so much demand for more GIANT BATMAN villains, we'll try to have two Joker stories, one of them a syndicated newspaper story. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: The latest GIANT BATMAN was really great. I have all the 80 page Giants, but the BATMAN ones are the best. My favorite story in this issue was "The Fox, Shark and Vulture." The syndicated newspaper comic strip was excellent. I hope you include this feature in future issues. I'd like to see Catwoman back again, too.

Emil Sestric, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Editor: Thank you for the swell recent issue. I was very happy to see Catwoman featured. How about some more stories on her?

Nils Holman, Austin, Minn.

(We'll certainly have a Catwoman story in the next villain issue, with the Joker and others. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: The Batman 80 page Giant was terrific. The writing and artwork were superb. The cover was very good—makes you interested in buying it. I thought the last GIANT BATMAN was good, but this issue has the best Batman and Robin stories ever. My ratings on the stories are: First, the newspaper syndicated adventure; second, "The Fox, Shark and Vulture"; third, "Ice Crimes of Mr. Zero." The others were good, but not as super as these three.

Bob Prophit, Fort Madison, Iowa

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Dear Editor: GIANT BATMAN No. 17 was terrific. I think "Joker's Utility Belt" was best. It had adventure and humor—two things I like best in a story. Congratulations on another hit.

Louis Morra, N. Attleboro, Mass.

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Dear Editor: It indeed is unusual to see for the second time a GIANT BATMAN with the theme, "Batman and Robin's Most Fantastic Foes." The best story was most assuredly the newspaper story featuring the Catwoman. In my opinion, the Princess of Plunder is one of the best foes you have yet dreamed up. Better than the Catman and in some respects the Firefly and Mirror Man, both of whom appeared in an earlier issue. . . . How about an issue featuring the Most Fantastic Traps, and Batman's and Robin's Greatest Cases?

Frank Klein, Webster Groves, Mo.

(After the next issue, we might very well have either of the two themes you mention; or possibly a collection of Reader's Choices over the past few years—stories most in demand. We're sorry that limitations of space prevented us from having another newspaper story in this issue, but hope to include one in the future. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In 80 page Giant No. 5 (GIANT BATMAN No. 8), Frank Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio, wrote in and stated which stories he liked in every annual up to No. 7. I would like to list my favorite stories in my annuals, which include Nos. 2-10: No. 2—The Jungle Batman; No. 3—The Joker's Aces; No. 4—The Vanished Batman; No. 5—Rip Van Batman; No. 6—Murder at Mystery Castle; No. 7—Secret Life of Bat-Hound; No. 8—The Man Who Shadowed Batman; No. 9—The Caveman Batman; No. 10—The Joker's Utility Belt.

Mike Bruce, New Berlin, Wisconsin

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ROCKY and BULLWINKLE
YOU AND CHEERIOS REALLY MAKE SWEET MUSIC TOGETHER, BULLWINKLE!
UH-HUH.
Cheerios
CHEERIOS N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...
...AND LOTS OF GO-GO-GO!
DO YOU MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?
YOU'RE DARN TOOTIN'!
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SPLOOSH!
BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

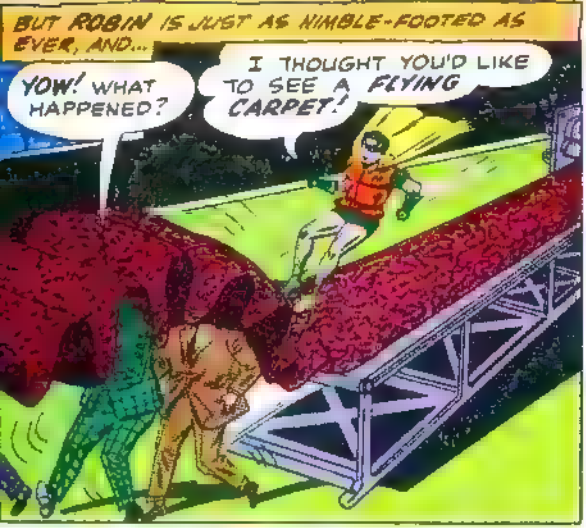
BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
THE TRUTH WAS OUT--THE WORLD AT LAST KNEW THAT ROBIN WAS WORKING WITH A MECHANICAL MAN--A ROBOT BATMAN! BUT WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE REAL CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER? WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE HIM WITH...
BATMAN, ROBOT
BOB KANE
BATMAN DIDN'T EVEN WINCE WHEN THAT HEAVY CAMERA-DOLLY HIT HIM! IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT... THAT "BATMAN" IS NOTHING BUT A ROBOT!

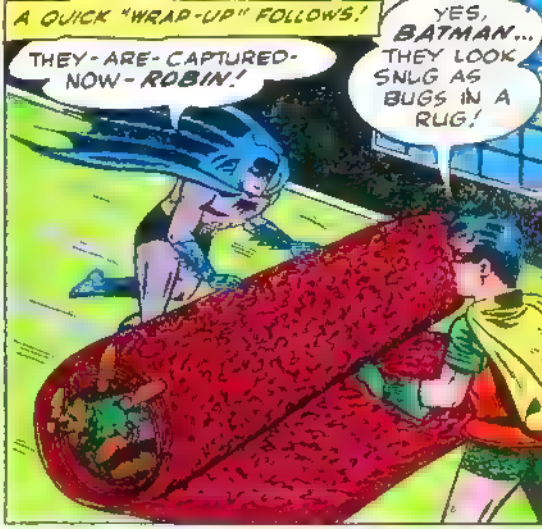
PATROLLING THE CITY ALONE, ONE EVENING, BATMAN PAUSES WHEN HE OVERHEARS...
ALL THE SPORTS SHOW'S GATE RECEIPTS WERE IN THE SAFE, BOSS.. IT WAS AN EASY JOB! BUT WHEN DO WE DIVIDE THE REST OF OUR LOOT?
IT'S HIDDEN IN A SECRET SPOT... I'LL BE GETTING IT TONIGHT!
THE NIGHT OWL GANG... WE'VE BEEN AFTER THEM FOR WEEKS! TOO BAD ROBIN'S HOME WITH A COLD... I'LL HAVE TO TACKLE THIS JOB MYSELF!
SLIPPING INSIDE, BATMAN LEAPS INTO ACTION!
FIRST TO TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE, WITH THIS ICE-SLED!
EEYOWW!
WELL, NOW WE KNOW! THE BOSS -- NUMBER 1 -- IS EDDIE CHILL ... AND HIS TRUSTED LIEUTENANT -- NUMBER 2 -- IS WEDGE DIXON!
IT'S BATMAN! GUN HIM DOWN!
BUT AS ONE CROOK FIRES...
PING!
UH!
OOF!
BAM!
THAT WILD SHOT... IT CLIPPED THE WIRE HOLDING UP THAT PROP SWORDFISH -- AND IT'S PLUNGING DOWN AT ME!

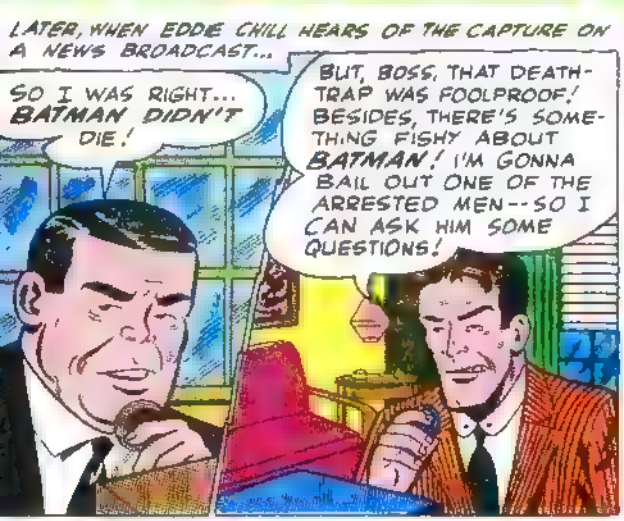
UH-OH... IT NAILED MY CAPE TO THE FLOOR!
LISTEN!... A POLICE SIREN! THAT SHOT DREW THE COPS! WE'LL HAVE TO SCRAM--FAST!
WHEEEEEEEEE
WEDGE, WE'D BETTER SPLIT UP AND LAY LOW FOR AWHILE! WE'LL HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT DIVIDING THE LOOT, TILL WE'RE IN THE CLEAR AGAIN!
RIGHT, BOSS!
BUT, AFTERWARD ACTING ON BATMAN'S INFORMATION, THE POLICE ARE QUICK TO BAG ONE FLEEING MEMBER OF THE NIGHT OWL GANG..
SOME DAYS LATER AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER APPEARS AS A WITNESS AT WEDGE DIXON'S PRE-TRIAL HEARING.
HOLD IT, WEDGE! YOU'RE ONE NIGHT OWL THAT ISN'T GOING TO FLY ANYWHERE!
DIXON, YOU ARE HEREBY FREED ON BAIL UNTIL THE TIME OF YOUR TRIAL! BATMAN, YOU WILL HOLD YOURSELF READY TO APPEAR AND GIVE TESTIMONY AT THAT TIME!
BACK HOME, WEDGE SWIFTLY CONTACTS HIS BOSS BY SHORT-WAVE RADIO ..
BATMAN S THE ONLY EYEWITNESS AGAINST US! IF HE COULDN'T APPEAR TO TESTIFY, THE CASE WOULD BE DISMISSED... YOU UNDERSTAND?
YEAH, BOSS-- I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY!
YOU HEARD THE BOSS, BOYS ... WE GOTTA KILL BATMAN!
"GULP"! H-HOW ARE WE GONNA DO THAT, WEDGE?

THE ANSWER COMES THE FOLLOWING DAY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...
ACCORDING TO THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, EDDIE CHILL IS HIDING IN THIS PLAYED-OUT OLD MINE! LET'S GO SEE!
NO, ROBIN-- I'M GOING IN ALONE! YOU STAY HERE AND CUT OFF CHILL, IN CASE HE MAKES A BREAK FOR IT!
BUT AS BATMAN ENTERS THE MINE...
OKAY-- HE'S WAY INSIDE NOW... TOUCH OFF THE DYNAMITE!
NEXT INSTANT...
BA-ROOM
OH-H... IT'S A TRAP!
WHEN THE DUST CLEARS...
BATMAN! BATMAN! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HA, HA! ROBIN WILL NEVER DIG BATMAN OUT OF THERE!
AND EVEN IF HE DID, BATMAN WOULDN'T BE ALIVE... NOT WITH TONS OF ROCK ON TOP OF HIM!

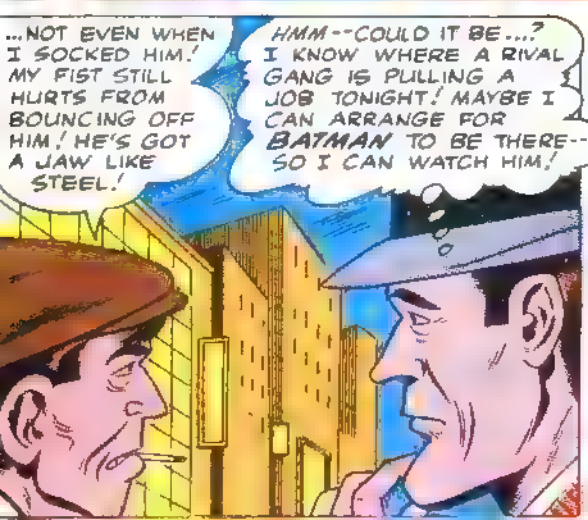
LATER, WHEN WEDGE RELAYS THE GOOD NEWS..
HE'S DEAD BOSS--I'M SURE OF IT!
BATMAN'S CLEVER--HE'S GOTTEN OUT OF DEATH-TRAPS BEFORE! I'M STAYING HERE UNTIL I'M POSITIVE HE'S DEAD! MEANWHILE DON'T YOU GUYS PULL ANY JOBS UNTIL I SAY SO!
BEFORE LONG, WHISPERS OF BATMAN'S DEATH INFILTRATE THE UNDERWORLD...
NO NEWSPAPER REPORTED BATMAN'S DEATH... ROBIN MUST BE KEEPING IT A SECRET!
YEAH, BUT WE KNOW BETTER! IT'S TWO DAYS SINCE BATMAN WAS LAST SEEN! HE'S DEAD--AND THAT MAKES IT EASIER FOR US TO PULL SOME JOBS!
BUT THAT NIGHT, AFTER THREE CONFIDENT CROOKS BREAK INTO A RUG MANUFACTURING PLANT...
GOOD THING WE SPOTTED THESE CHARACTERS SNEAKING IN HERE, BATMAN!
HUH--? BATMAN'S ALIVE!
OUCH!.. MY FIST!
YOU-CANNOT-HURT-ME!
THEN, AS THE COWLED FIGURE LUMBERS TOWARD THE OTHERS...
MAYBE THAT DEATH-TRAP DIDN'T KILL HIM, BUT IT SURE HURT HIM PLENTY. LOOK HOW SLOW HE IS!
YEAH--HE'S AS STIFF AS AN OLD MAN!

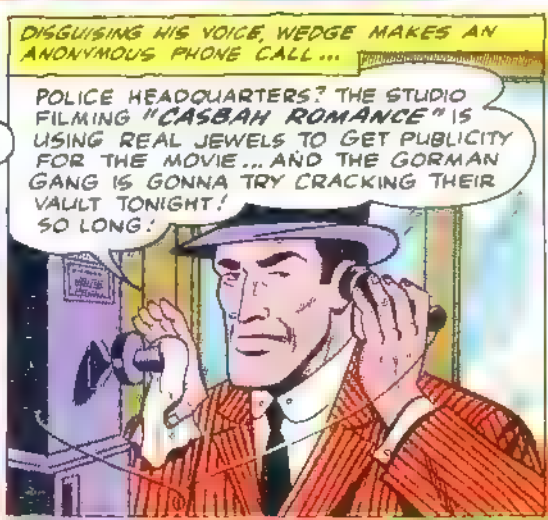

BUT ROBIN IS JUST AS NIMBLE-FOOTED AS EVER, AND...
YOW! WHAT HAPPENED?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE A FLYING CARPET!


A QUICK "WRAP-UP" FOLLOWS!
THEY-ARE-CAPTURED-NOW-ROBIN!
YES, BATMAN... THEY LOOK SNUG AS BUGS IN A RUG!


LATER, WHEN EDDIE CHILL HEARS OF THE CAPTURE ON A NEWS BROADCAST...
SO I WAS RIGHT... BATMAN DIDN'T DIE!
BUT, BOSS, THAT DEATH-TRAP WAS FOOLPROOF! BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT BATMAN! I'M GONNA BAIL OUT ONE OF THE ARRESTED MEN--SO I CAN ASK HIM SOME QUESTIONS!

SOON...
THINK HARD, PETEY--DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT BATMAN?
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WALKED SORTA STIFF AND TALKED FUNNY--STOPPING BEFORE EACH WORD! ANOTHER THING, HIS FACE NEVER CHANGED EXPRESSION


...NOT EVEN WHEN I SOCKED HIM! MY FIST STILL HURTS FROM BOUNCING OFF HIM! HE'S GOT A JAW LIKE STEEL!
HMM--COULD IT BE...? I KNOW WHERE A RIVAL GANG IS PULLING A JOB TONIGHT! MAYBE I CAN ARRANGE FOR BATMAN TO BE THERE--SO I CAN WATCH HIM!


DISGUISING HIS VOICE, WEDGE MAKES AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL...
POLICE HEADQUARTERS? THE STUDIO FILMING "CASBAH ROMANCE" IS USING REAL JEWELS TO GET PUBLICITY FOR THE MOVIE... AND THE GORMAN GANG IS GONNA TRY CRACKING THEIR VAULT TONIGHT! SO LONG!

THUS THAT NIGHT, AS THE GORMAN GANG MOVES ACROSS THE DESERTED MOVIE SET...
WE-HAVE-BEEN-WAITING-FOR-YOU.
BATMAN AND ROBIN! QUICK--SHOOT 'EM!
BATMAN'S STILL ON HIS FEET... OUR SHOTS MUST'VE MISSED HIM!
BAM!
BUT I'M ON TARGET!
FRANTICALLY THE BANDIT LEADER SHOVES A MOVABLE CAMERA AT THE ONCOMING BATMAN, BUT...
AIN'T THAT GUY HUMAN? CAN'T ANYTHING STOP HIM?
MEETING A LARGE BRASS JAR, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER RAMS HIS ARM FORWARD AND..
EEEYOW!
THAT FINISHES THEM.

MEANWHILE, WHERE WEDGE DIXON HAS BEEN WATCHING FROM CONCEALMENT...
IT'S JUST AS PETEY SAID... THE HALTING SPEECH--THE STIFF WALK... AND HE DIDN'T EVEN WINCE WHEN THAT HEAVY CAMERA-DOLLY HIT HIM! MY SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT... WAIT'LL I TELL MY LAWYER ABOUT THIS!
NEXT MORNING, AS WEDGE'S TRIAL GETS UNDER-WAY...
I BEGIN BY CALLING THE STATE'S STAR WITNESS, WHO ACTUALLY SAW THE ACCUSED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME! I CALL BATMAN TO THE STAND!
BUT BEFORE THE WITNESS CAN GIVE HIS TESTIMONY...
YOUR HONOR--I QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF THIS SO-CALLED WITNESS... AND WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, I WILL PROVE MY POINT.
SWIFTLY, WEDGE'S LAWYER HAS AN APPARATUS SET UP RIGHT IN THE COURTROOM...
THIS IS A FLUOROSCOPE MACHINE, WHICH CAN X-RAY THE HUMAN BODY! I NOW WISH TO FLUOROSCOPE THE WITNESS!
A MOMENT LATER...
GREAT SCOTT!
THIS PROVES THE WITNESS IS A ROBOT... A ROBOT MASQUERADING AS BATMAN--BECAUSE THE REAL BATMAN IS DEAD!

SINCE THE STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS CANNOT APPEAR TO TESTIFY, THERE IS NO CASE AGAINST MY CLIENT!
I MUST AGREE! THE COURT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DISMISS THE CASE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE!
WHEN THE COURTROOM IS CLEARED REPORTERS THRONG ABOUT ROBIN AND THE ROBOT-BATMAN
ROBIN, THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TRUTH! HOW DID BATMAN DIE? HOW DOES THE ROBOT FIGURE IN ALL THIS?
ALL RIGHT... I'LL TELL YOU
SAD! ROBIN TELLS HOW BATMAN WAS LURED TO THE DEATH TRAP AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARD
"I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND THE STRENGTH BUT I MANAGED TO PULL AWAY ENOUGH BOULDERS UNTIL I REACHED BATMAN. BUT I WAS TOO LATE!"
DON'T WORRY... I'LL GET THESE OFF YOU, BATMAN!
IT'S NO USE ROBIN... I'M DYING BUT I DON'T WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW I'M DEAD-- NOT YET NOT UNTIL EDDIE CHILL AND WEDGE DIXON ARE CONVICTED.
I I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THEY PLANNED MY DEATH SO I COULDN'T TESTIFY AGAINST THEM! USE MY ROBOT IN MY PLACE! LET MY ROBOT DELIVER MY TESTIMONY SO THEY'LL PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES!
GOOD-BYE ROBIN! YOU'VE GOT TO CARRY ON FOR ME... I'M COUNTING ON-- YOU... UHN-HNHN...
I--I LEFT HIM WHERE HE WAS... COVERED HIM WITH ROCK AGAIN... SO THAT NO ONE WOULD KNOW HIS BURIAL PLACE
ROBIN--WE'D LIKE TO SEE WHERE HE'S BURIED PLEASE

LATER, AT THE MINE ...
HE WAS A GREAT GUY. THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER LIKE HIM.
WE'LL START A CAMPAIGN TO GET A MEMORIAL ERECTED HERE WHERE HE'S BURIED
SWIFTLY THE NEWS GOES OUT TO A SHOCKED PUBLIC.
BATMAN DEAD I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
IT'S AWFUL -- JUST AWFUL
BATMAN DEAD
BUT ELSEWHERE THE NEWS IS GREETED WITH JOY-- FOR IT ENABLES EDDIE CHILL TO COME OUT OF HIDING.
WELCOME BACK, BOSS! NOW THAT BATMAN CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST US, WE'RE BOTH FREE MEN!
YEAH--WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT NOW
TROUBLE IS, I GOT A TIP THAT THE COPS ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU HID OUR LOOT. WE'D BETTER GET TO IT RIGHT AWAY BEFORE THE COPS DO!
YOU'RE RIGHT.. WE'LL GO THERE AS SOON AS IT'S DARK!
BUT THAT NIGHT AS CHILL UNEARTHS THE HIDING PLACE IN GOTHAM PARK
TRAILING YOU WAS EASY! BATMAN'S BELT-RADIO WAS SENDING OUT A DIRECTIONAL SIGNAL TO US ALL THE TIME YOU WERE TRAVELING HERE -- RIGHT, BATMAN?
RIGHT ROBIN!
YOU'RE BATMAN ALIVE!
YES! YOU'LL FIND WEDGE WHERE I LEFT HIM EARLIER BOUND IN THE ALLEY NEAR HIS APARTMENT.

AS BATMAN SPEEDS HIS CAR TO THE NIGHT OWL GANG LEAPS ABOARD THE DESERTED PARA CAROUSEL AND
ROBIN--FLATTEN!
UH-OH . WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHARGE THEM THROUGH THAT BARRAGE
BANG! BANG!
BUT THE BATMAN ROBOT LUMBERS FORWARD UNSCATHED BY THE BULLETS THAT RAIN FROM ITS METALLIC BODY
THE THINGS STILL COMING ON NOTHING CAN STOP IT.
SEIZING THE RIM OF THE CAROUSEL THE MECHANICAL MAN GIVES IT ONE MIGHTY SHOVE
HEY!
BATMAN! CHILD'S GETTING AWAY
I CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE NOW NOT AFTER SO MUCH PLANNING TO CAPTURE HIM WAIT THERE'S A RIDING STABLE NEARBY
WITH A HORSE FROM THE STABLE BATMAN GALLOPS A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY
THIS SHORT CUT ACROSS THE GROUNDS WILL GET ME RIGHT TO HIM MY BAT-ROPE WILL DO THE REST

END OF THE LINE CHILL! NEXT STOP-- STATE PRISON!
LATER, AT A SPECIAL TV PRESS CONFERENCE
NOW, BATMAN, THE NATION IS WAITING TO HEAR HOW YOU ESCAPED THE DEATH-TRAP PLANNED FOR YOU!
STRANGE TO TELL--MY LIFE WAS SAVED BECAUSE OF A TINY MOUSE!
"AS I WALKED DEEPER INTO THE MINE, I SUDDENLY FRIGHTENED A LITTLE MOUSE-- AND AS HE SCAMPERED AWAY, I NOTICED..."
THE MOUSE'S PRINTS AND MINE... THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE! THAT MEANS--NOBODY ELSE HAS ENTERED THIS MINE RECENTLY!
"REALIZING I'D ENTERED A TRAP, I KNEW I'D NEVER MAKE IT BACK TO THE ENTRANCE IN TIME--SO I ACTED FAST, JUST AS..."
THE MINE SHAFT-- MY ONLY HOPE!
BA-ROOM
"DEEP BELOW, I CLUNG TO THE LADDER--WHILE ABOVE ME, THE CEILING CRASHED DOWN TO SEAL THE SHAFT!"
WHEW! CLOSE CALL! GOOD THING THE BOULDERS ARE WEDGED ABOVE, OR I'D BE RAMMED OFF THIS LADDER!

"I DESCENDED THE LADDER AND WALKED THE LOWER LEVEL UNTIL I CAME UPON AN UNDERWATER STREAM..."
IT'S FLOWING TO A RIFT AHEAD... I CAN SEE DAYLIGHT! POOR ROBIN--I'LL BET HE THINKS I'M DEAD... AND SO DO WEDGE DIXON AND EDDIE CHILL! HMM.. MAYBE I'LL STAY "DEAD"--SO CHILL WILL THINK IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT OF HIDING!
"BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED AND CHILL DIDN'T EMERGE..."
HE'S PROBABLY NOT CONVINCED YOU'RE DEAD--THAT'S WHY!
HMM.. WHAT IF WE USED MY ROBOT? ITS UNHUMAN MANNER IS SURE TO MAKE WEDGE GUESS IT IS A ROBOT.. AND HE'LL EXPOSE IT AT HIS TRIAL! THAT SHOULD CONVINCE CHILL I'M REALLY DEAD!
"THE TRICK WORKED--AND WHEN WEDGE WENT TO HIS APARTMENT BUILDING, I WAS WAITING FOR HIM..."
NOW I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS WEDGE--AND WHEN CHILL ARRIVES, I'LL GET HIM TO UNCOVER THE LOOT! SINCE HE AND WEDGE CAN'T BE TRIED AGAIN FOR THE SPORTS SHOW ROBBERY, THE LOOT WILL BE ALL THE EVIDENCE NEEDED TO CONVICT THEM OF OTHER ROBBERIES!
THE PLAN WORKED--BUT MUCH CREDIT FOR ITS SUCCESS IS DUE TO THE BATMAN-ROBOT! DON'T YOU THINK SO, FOLKS?
WE SURE DO!
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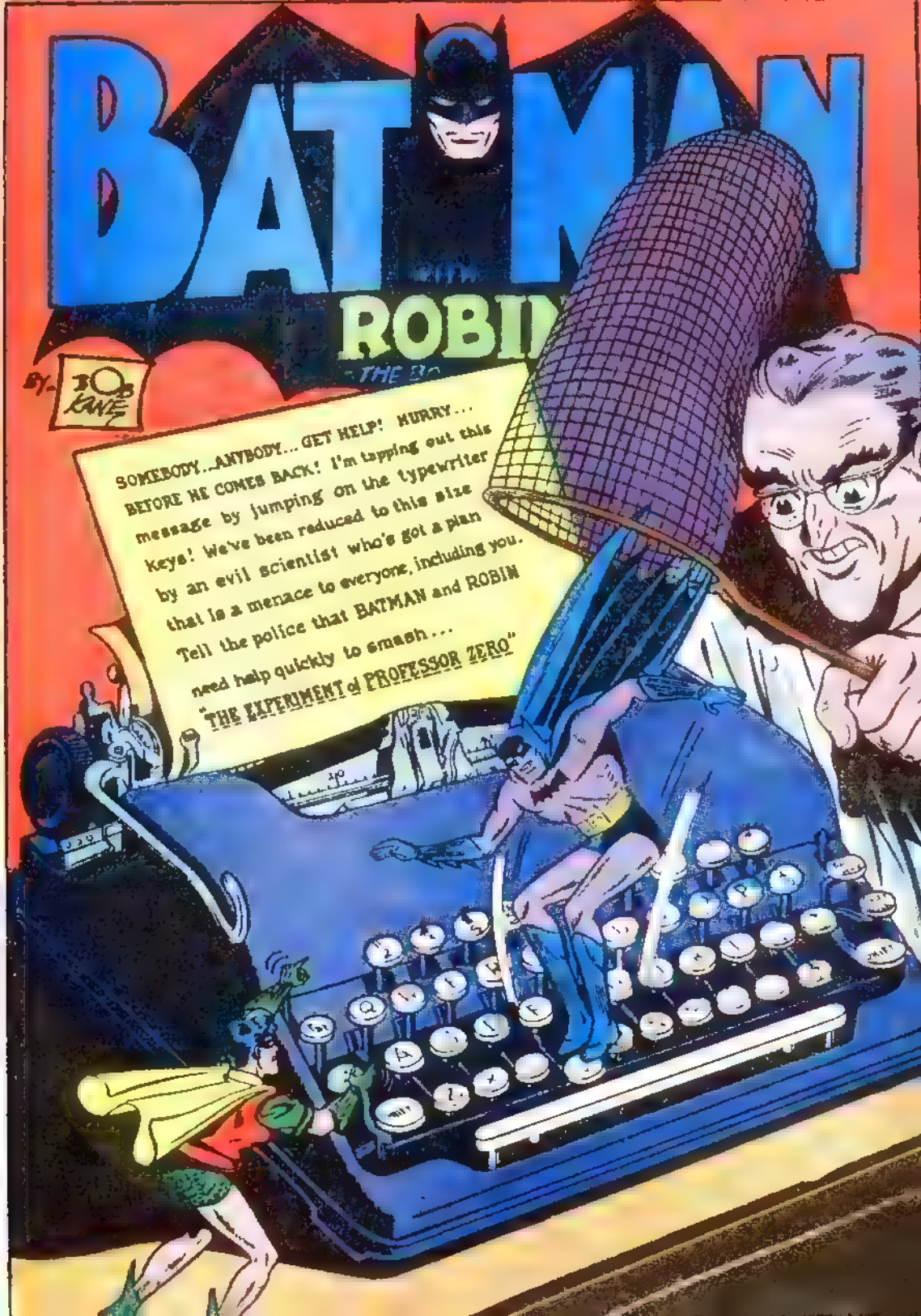

BATMAN
ROBIN
BY- BOB KANE
SOMEBODY...ANYBODY... GET HELP! HURRY... BEFORE HE COMES BACK! I'm tapping out this message by jumping on the typewriter keys! We've been reduced to this size by an evil scientist who's got a plan that is a menace to everyone, including you. Tell the police that BATMAN and ROBIN need help quickly to smash...
"THE EXPERIMENT of PROFESSOR ZERO"

IN THE TROPHY ROOM OF *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* ARE TWO LARGE BELL JARS, MEMENTOS OF AN HISTORIC CRIME CASE...

Trophy of THE PIGMY PLOT

TO *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*, THE TROPHY IS A REMINDER OF A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE...

BATMAN, IF WE EVER TOLD THE PUBLIC ABOUT *"THE PIGMY PLOT,"* THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE IT!

SOME DAY THE WORLD WILL KNOW THE FACTS! I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THE WHOLE FANTASTIC STORY IN MY CASE BOOK...

Case #1042
"The PIGMY PLOT"
It began when Robin and I saw the Bat-signal flash in the sky. It was Police Commissioner Gordon's method for summoning us...

Commissioner Gordon was waiting beside the huge searchlight when we arrived.

WHAT'S UP GORDON?

CARLYLE, THE BANKER, JUST CALLED! HE WANTS YOU TO MEET HIM HERE! HE HAS A *SPECIAL CASE* FOR YOU!

But Carlyle never showed up...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S LATE!

SOMETHING'S WRONG! *ROBIN* AND I HAD BETTER CHECK UP! MAYBE HE'S STILL AT HIS OFFICE!

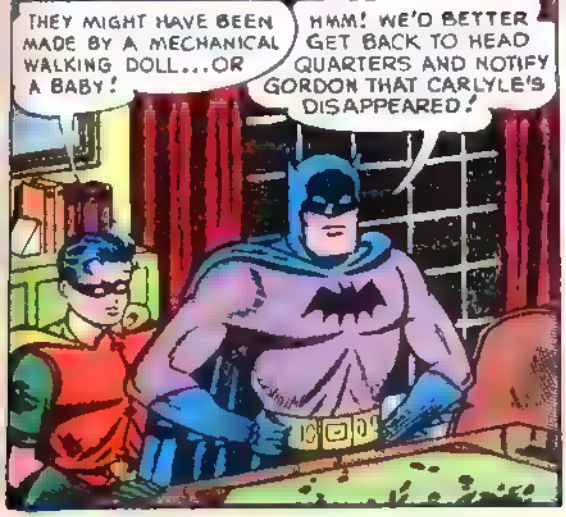
REWARD

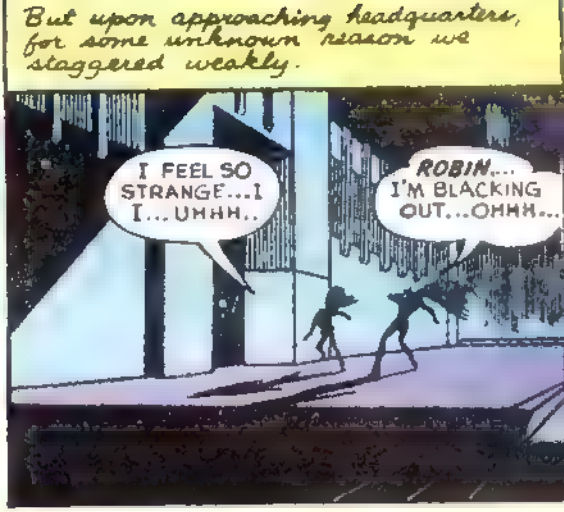
WANTED

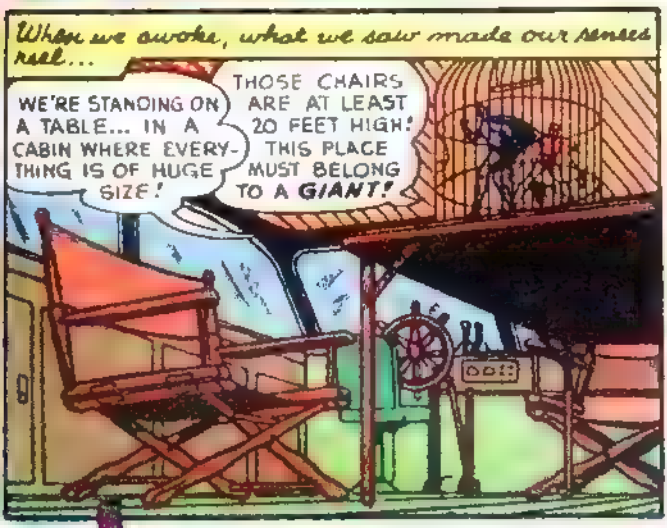
We didn't find Carlyle there, but we did find something.. something very unusual!

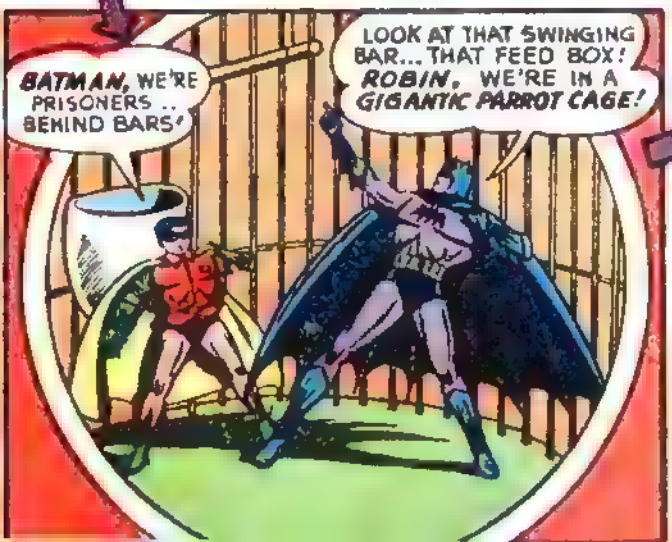
FOOTPRINTS... AS IF SOMEONE WALKED THROUGH THE INK FROM THAT SPILLED DESK-WELL!

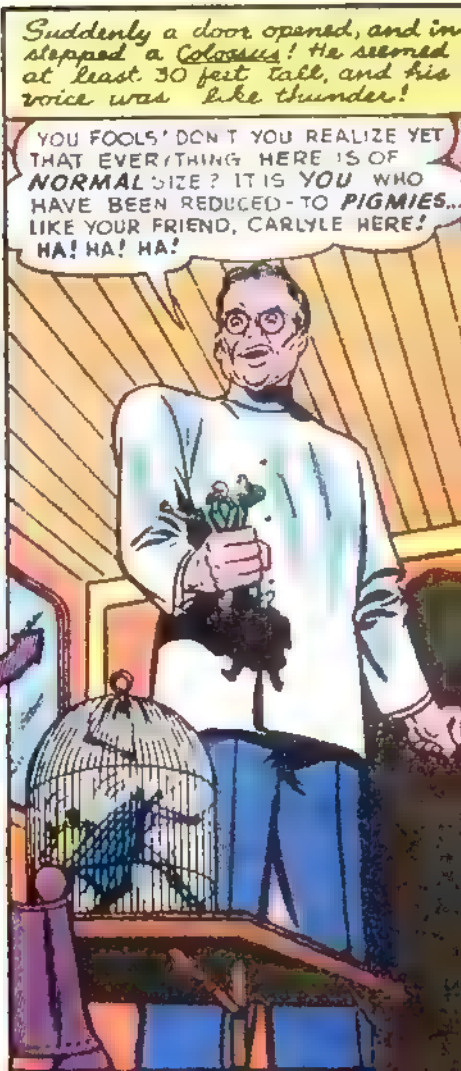
BUT LOOK HOW *TINY* THEY ARE!


THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE BY A MECHANICAL WALKING DOLL...OR A BABY!
HMM! WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO HEAD QUARTERS AND NOTIFY GORDON THAT CARLYLE'S DISAPPEARED!


But upon approaching headquarters, for some unknown reason we staggered weakly.
I FEEL SO STRANGE...I I...UHHH..
ROBIN... I'M BLACKING OUT...OHHH...


When we awoke, what we saw made our senses reel...
WE'RE STANDING ON A TABLE... IN A CABIN WHERE EVERYTHING IS OF HUGE SIZE!
THOSE CHAIRS ARE AT LEAST 20 FEET HIGH! THIS PLACE MUST BELONG TO A GIANT!

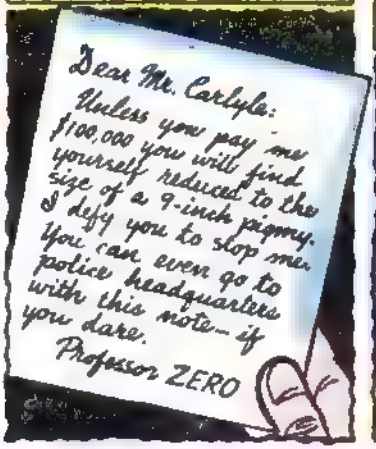

BATMAN, WE'RE PRISONERS .. BEHIND BARS!
LOOK AT THAT SWINGING BAR...THAT FEED BOX! ROBIN, WE'RE IN A GIGANTIC PARROT CAGE!


Suddenly a door opened, and in stepped a Colossus! He seemed at least 30 feet tall, and his voice was like thunder!
YOU FOOLS! DON'T YOU REALIZE YET THAT EVERYTHING HERE IS OF NORMAL SIZE? IT IS YOU WHO HAVE BEEN REDUCED-TO PIGMIES... LIKE YOUR FRIEND, CARLYLE HERE! HA! HA! HA!

Carlyle was rudely thrust into the parrot cage with us while the colossus walked away with giant strides.

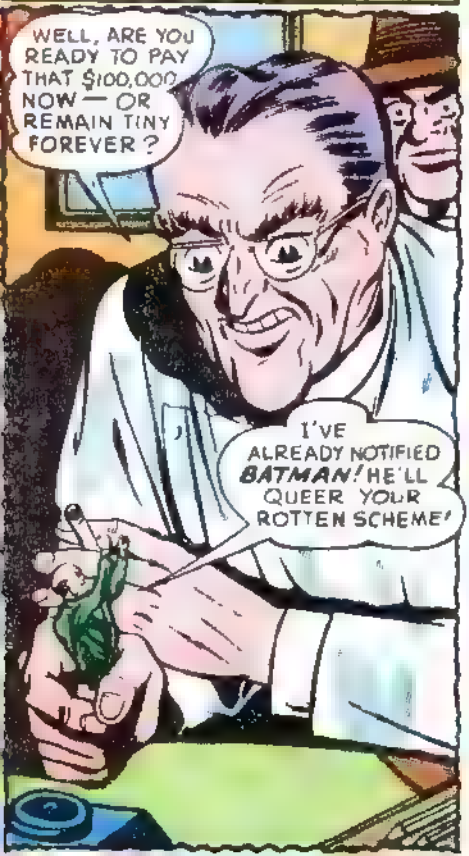
CARLYLE... WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT MADMAN CALLS HIMSELF PROFESSOR ZERO! HE'S DISCOVERED A WAY TO SHRINK MEN TO PIGMY SIZE AND IS USING HIS DISCOVERY FOR EXTORTION!

Horrified, Robin and I heard Carlyle explain how he'd received at threatening letter that morning...

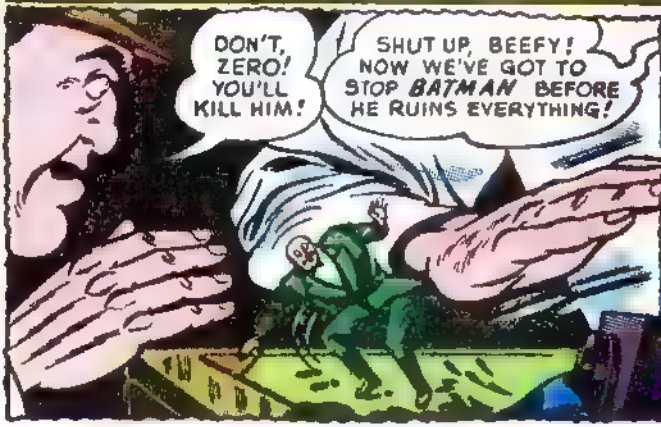

Dear Mr. Carlyle:
Unless you pay me $100,000 you will find yourself reduced to the size of a 9-inch pigmy. I defy you to stop me. You can even go to police headquarters with this note—if you dare.
Professor ZERO

Carlyle said he'd phoned Gordon for our meeting... then, like Robin and me, he staggered weakly as he approached headquarters...

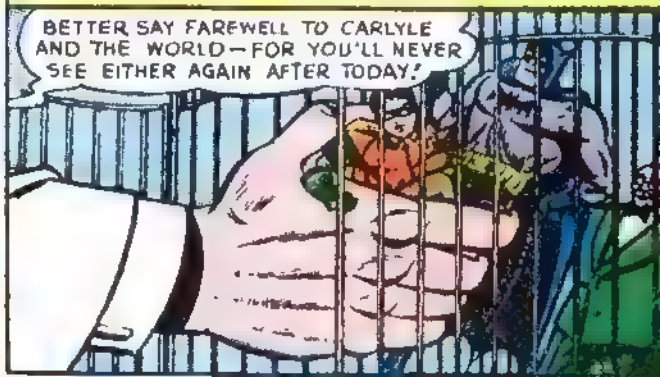
When Carlyle recovered consciousness, he was shrunken to pigmy size! Somehow he made his way back to his office to find Professor Zero waiting!

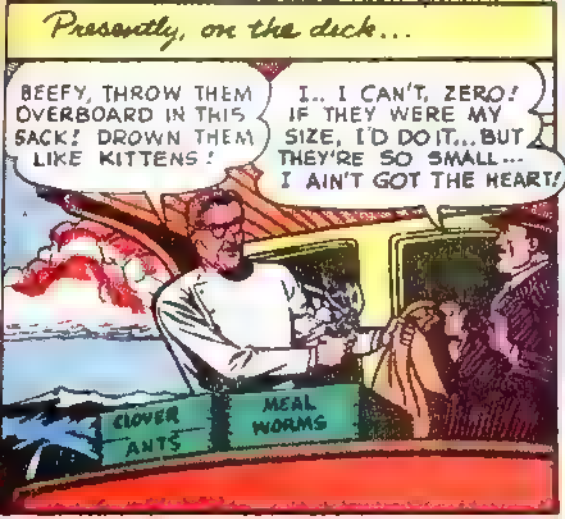

WELL, ARE YOU READY TO PAY THAT $100,000 NOW — OR REMAIN TINY FOREVER?
I'VE ALREADY NOTIFIED BATMAN! HE'LL QUEER YOUR ROTTEN SCHEME!

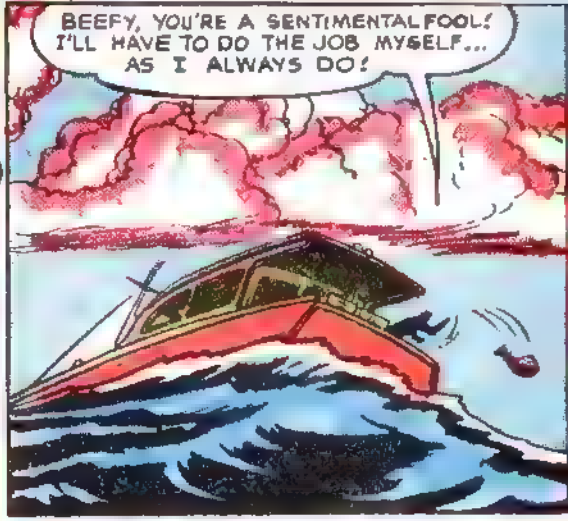
Carlyle said Professor Zero angrily cuffed him around the desk -- which explained the inky footprints!



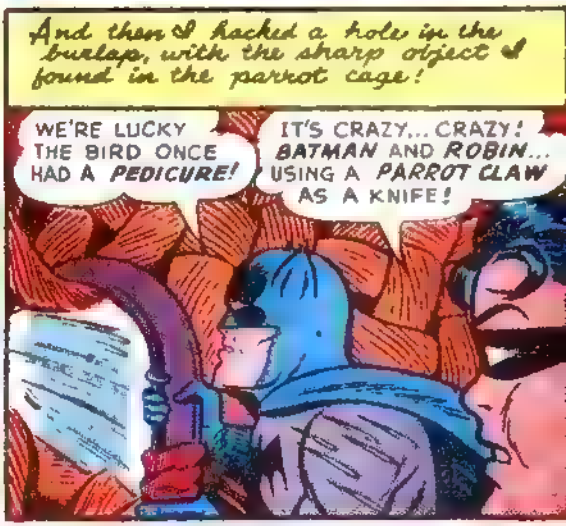
Carlyle couldn't tell us any more because suddenly a huge hand closed like a vise about Robin and me!

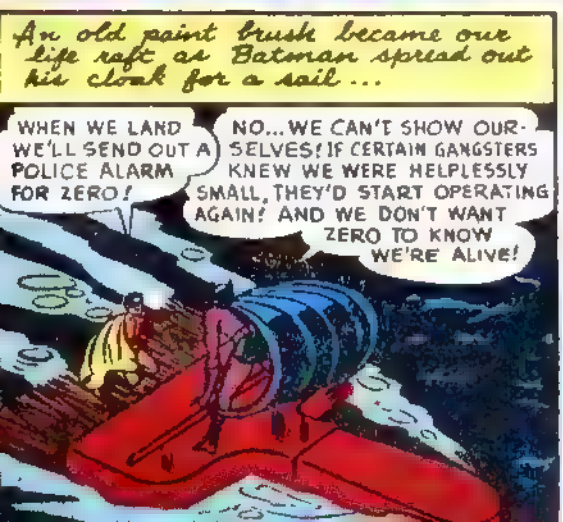


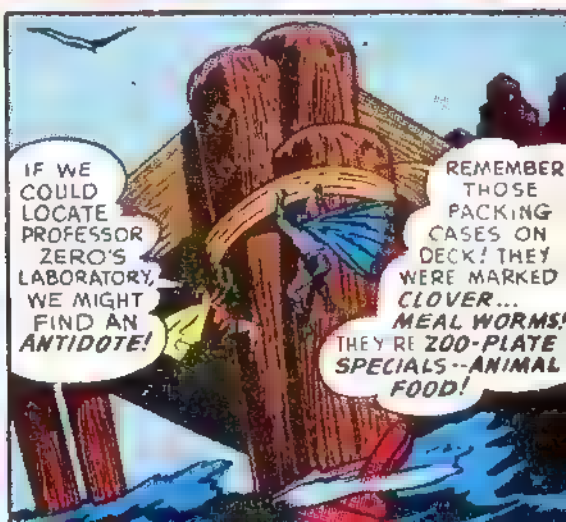

Presently, on the deck...
BEEFY, THROW THEM OVERBOARD IN THIS SACK! DROWN THEM LIKE KITTENS!
I.. I CAN'T, ZERO! IF THEY WERE MY SIZE, I'D DO IT... BUT THEY'RE SO SMALL... I AIN'T GOT THE HEART!
CLOVER
ANTS
MEAL WORMS

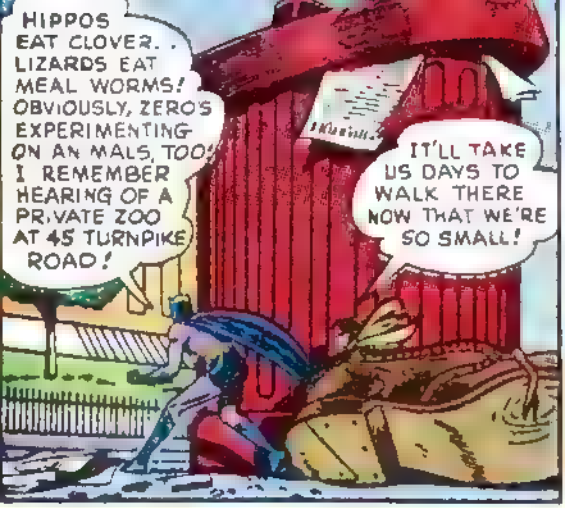

BEEFY, YOU'RE A SENTIMENTAL FOOL! I'LL HAVE TO DO THE JOB MYSELF... AS I ALWAYS DO!

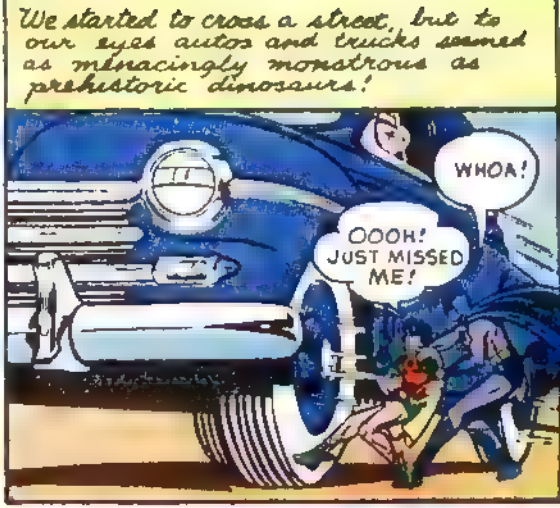
Water began seeping swiftly into our burlap coffin as we sank...
BATMAN, HURRY! MAYBE THE EXPLOSIVE FROM YOUR UTILITY BELT CAN SAVE US!
THE EXPLOSIVE IS SO SMALL NOW IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY MORE POWER THAN A PISTOL CAP! BUT I'VE HIDDEN SOMETHING I PICKED UP BEFORE...

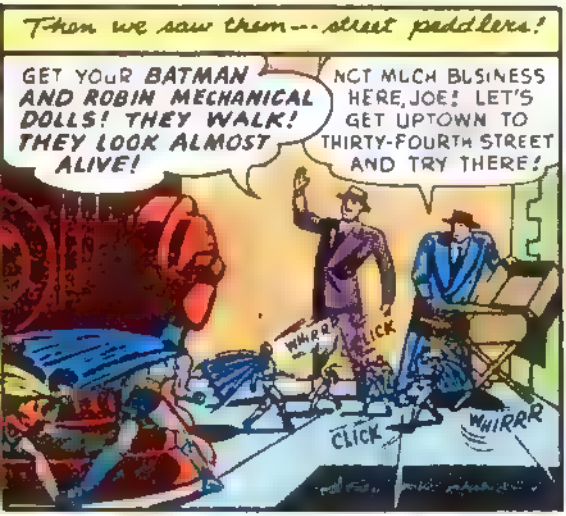

And then I hacked a hole in the burlap, with the sharp object I found in the parrot cage!
WE'RE LUCKY THE BIRD ONCE HAD A PEDICURE!
IT'S CRAZY... CRAZY! BATMAN AND ROBIN... USING A PARROT CLAW AS A KNIFE!

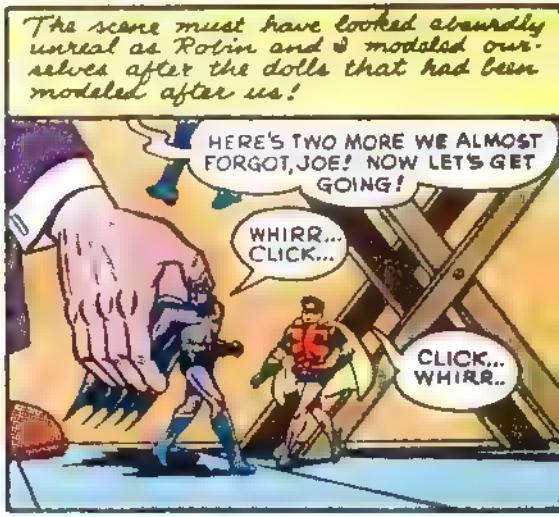

An old paint brush became our life raft as Batman spread out his cloak for a sail...
WHEN WE LAND WE'LL SEND OUT A POLICE ALARM FOR ZERO!
NO... WE CAN'T SHOW OURSELVES! IF CERTAIN GANGSTERS KNEW WE WERE HELPLESSLY SMALL, THEY'D START OPERATING AGAIN! AND WE DON'T WANT ZERO TO KNOW WE'RE ALIVE!

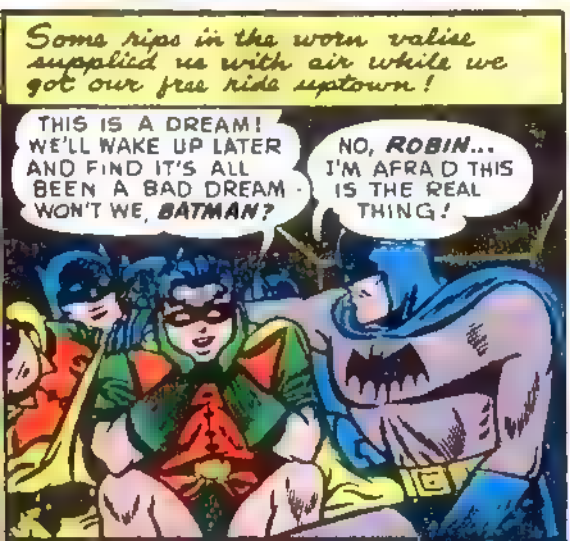

IF WE COULD LOCATE PROFESSOR ZERO'S LABORATORY, WE MIGHT FIND AN ANTIDOTE!
REMEMBER THOSE PACKING CASES ON DECK! THEY WERE MARKED CLOVER... MEAL WORMS! THEY'RE ZOO-PLATE SPECIALS--ANIMAL FOOD!

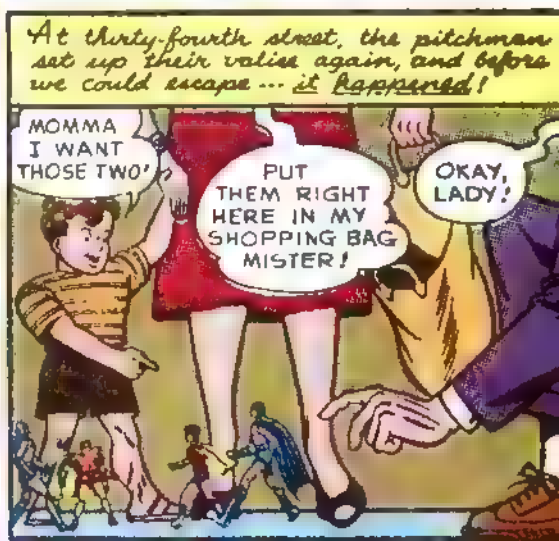

HIPPOS EAT CLOVER.. LIZARDS EAT MEAL WORMS! OBVIOUSLY, ZERO'S EXPERIMENTING ON AN MALS, TOO! I REMEMBER HEARING OF A PRIVATE ZOO AT 45 TURNPIKE ROAD!
IT'LL TAKE US DAYS TO WALK THERE NOW THAT WE'RE SO SMALL!


We started to cross a street, but to our eyes autos and trucks seemed as menacingly monstrous as prehistoric dinosaurs!
WHOA!
OOOH! JUST MISSED ME!


Then we saw them--- street peddlers!
GET YOUR BATMAN AND ROBIN MECHANICAL DOLLS! THEY WALK! THEY LOOK ALMOST ALIVE!
NOT MUCH BUSINESS HERE, JOE! LET'S GET UPTOWN TO THIRTY-FOURTH STREET AND TRY THERE!
WHIRR
CLICK
CLICK
WHIRRR


The scene must have looked absurdly unreal as Robin and I modeled ourselves after the dolls that had been modeled after us!
HERE'S TWO MORE WE ALMOST FORGOT, JOE! NOW LET'S GET GOING!
WHIRR... CLICK...
CLICK... WHIRR..


Some rips in the worn valise supplied us with air while we got our free ride uptown!
THIS IS A DREAM! WE'LL WAKE UP LATER AND FIND IT'S ALL BEEN A BAD DREAM · WON'T WE, BATMAN?
NO, ROBIN... I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE REAL THING!


At thirty-fourth street, the pitchman set up their valise again, and before we could escape --- it happened!
MOMMA I WANT THOSE TWO!
PUT THEM RIGHT HERE IN MY SHOPPING BAG MISTER!
OKAY, LADY!

Yes, Robin and I were bought! We joined other purchases as the woman went on a shopping tour in a department store!

OW! THAT COFFEE CAN IS BREAKING MY BACK!

I SAW THE WOMAN'S NAME AND ADDRESS IN HER PURSE! WE'LL REFUND HER MONEY FOR HER "DOLLS" LATER! LETS GO!

As a floor clerk wheeled past a rack of sold coats, we leaped for the large pockets!

SOLD

Later, after the coats were delivered to the shipping room, and while the shipping clerks were out to lunch, Robin jumped on the space bar while I hopped on the keys—of a typewriter!

To—
45 Turnpike Rd
Gotham City

WE'RE LUCKY A SHIPPING LABEL WAS LEFT ON THE ROLLER FOR US TO ADDRESS!

NOW, MAKE SOME AIR HOLES IN THAT EMPTY CONTAINER WHILE I PASTE ON THE LABEL!

Robin and I went out on the next shipment—and were delivered to the gates of Professor Zero's grounds!

DEPARTMENT STORE

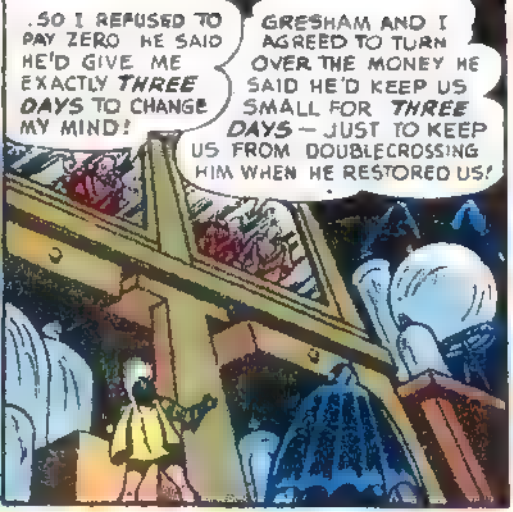
SIGN HERE, PLEASE!

MUST BE MORE EQUIPMENT! I'LL PUT IT IN THE STOREROOM!

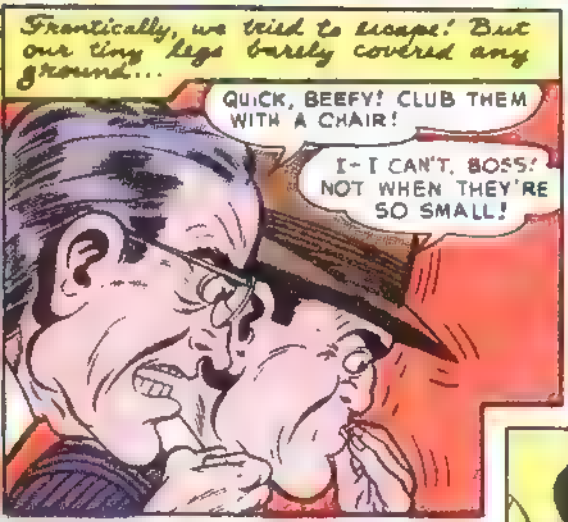
Soon after, Robin and I sneaked out of the storeroom... and found the Professor's laboratory!

LOOK...THERE'S CARLYLE—AND SOME OTHER MEN!

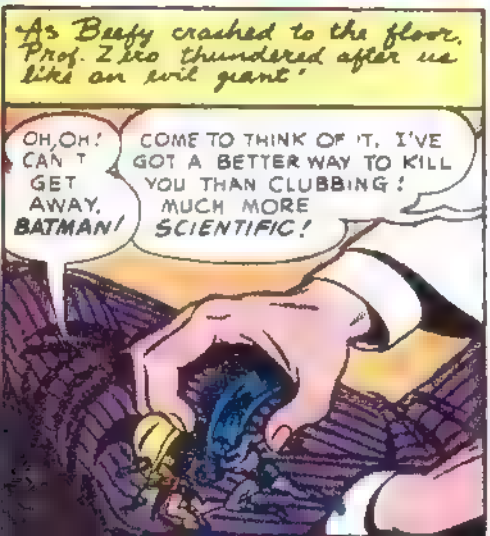
GRESHAM, THE FINANCIER... AND PARNELL, THE AUTO MAGNATE! REDUCED TO PIGMIES, TOO!

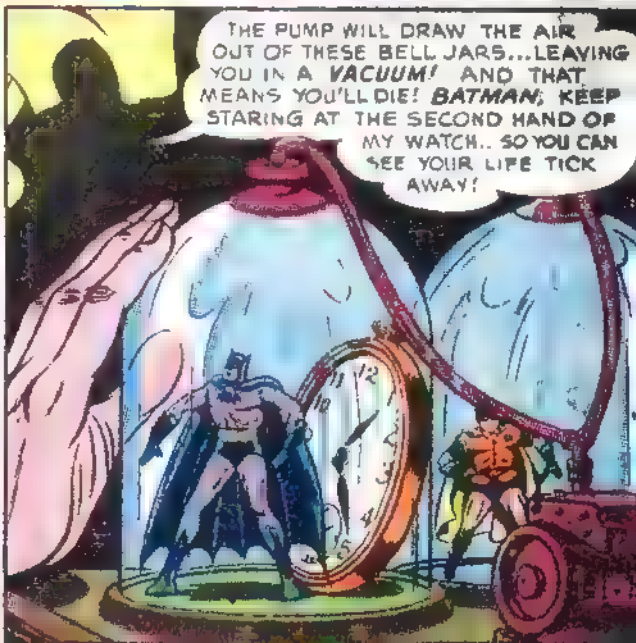

.SO I REFUSED TO PAY ZERO HE SAID HE'D GIVE ME EXACTLY THREE DAYS TO CHANGE MY MIND!
GRESHAM AND I AGREED TO TURN OVER THE MONEY HE SAID HE'D KEEP US SMALL FOR THREE DAYS — JUST TO KEEP US FROM DOUBLECROSSING HIM WHEN HE RESTORED US!

ZERO KEEPS TAUNTING US— SHOWING US THE ANTIDOTE WHICH CAN MAKE US NORMAL AGAIN!
ANTIDOTE
LOOK OUT! HERE HE COMES!

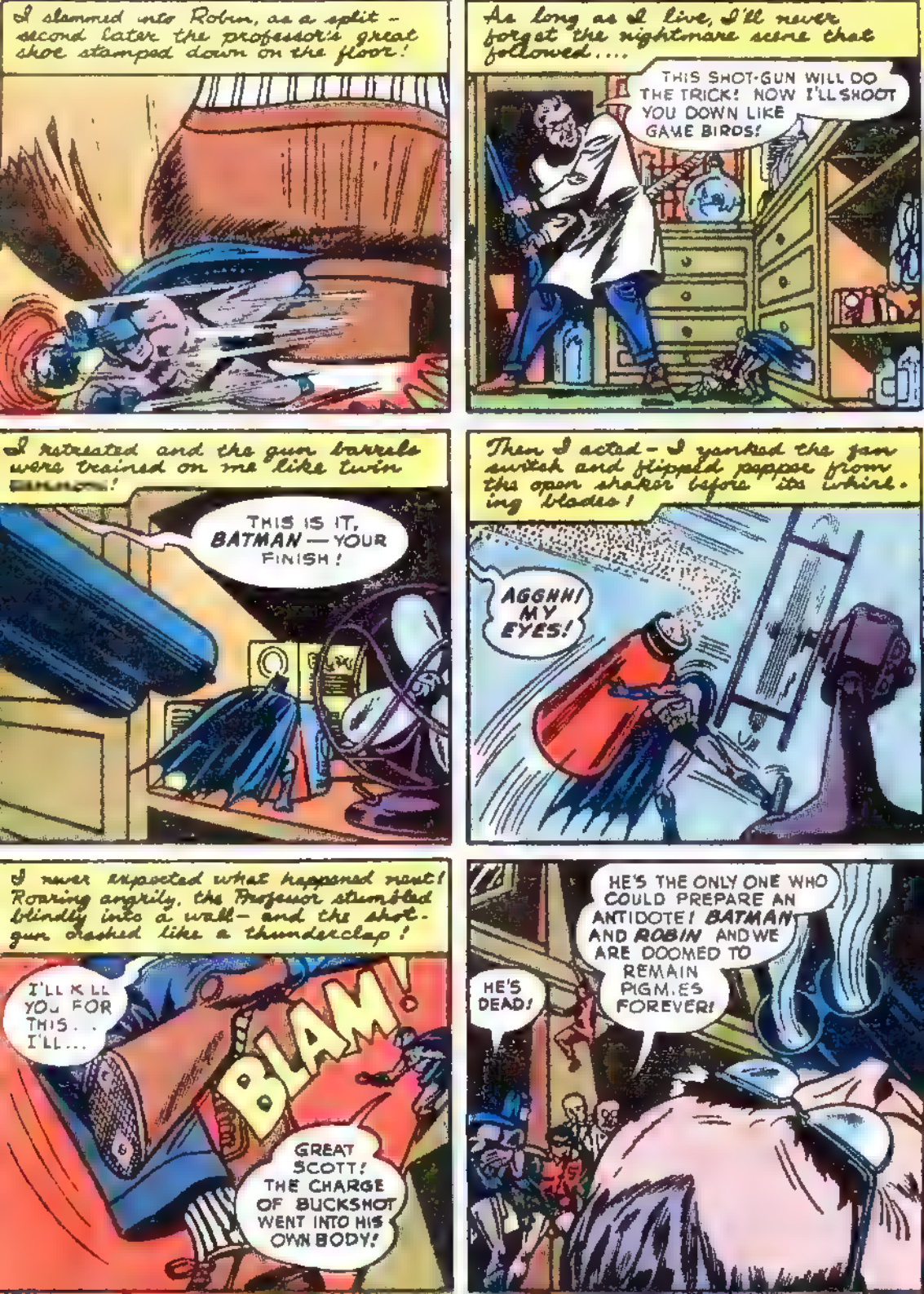

Frantically, we tried to escape! But our tiny legs barely covered any ground...
QUICK, BEEFY! CLUB THEM WITH A CHAIR!
I-I CAN'T, BOSS! NOT WHEN THEY'RE SO SMALL!

I'M TIRED OF YOUR SENTIMENTALITY! I'M A PRACTICAL MAN. AND I LIKE PRACTICAL MEN AROUND ME!

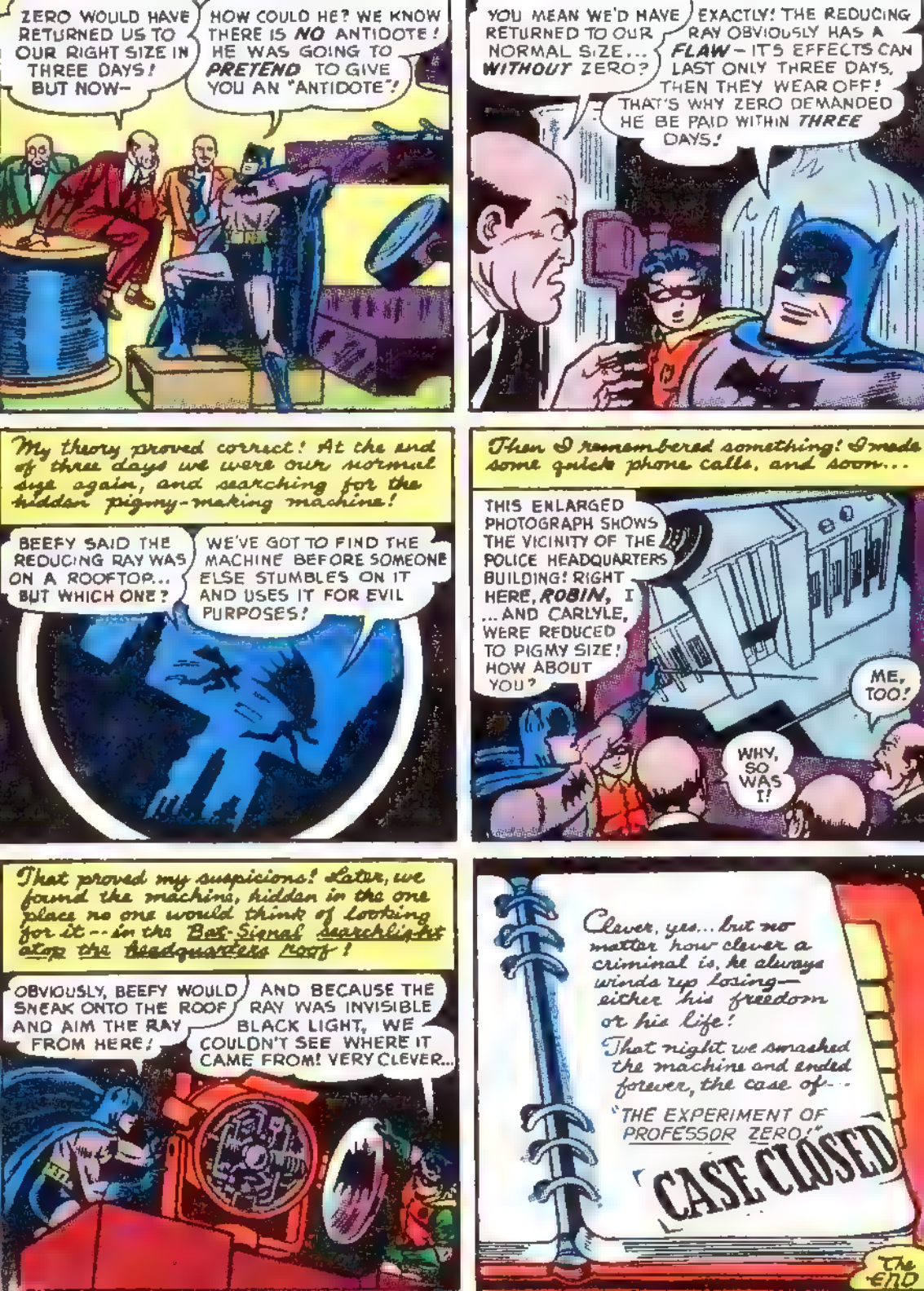

As Beefy crashed to the floor, Prof. Zero thundered after us like an evil giant!
OH,OH! CAN'T GET AWAY, BATMAN!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE GOT A BETTER WAY TO KILL YOU THAN CLUBBING! MUCH MORE SCIENTIFIC!


THE PUMP WILL DRAW THE AIR OUT OF THESE BELL JARS...LEAVING YOU IN A VACUUM! AND THAT MEANS YOU'LL DIE! BATMAN, KEEP STARING AT THE SECOND HAND OF MY WATCH.. SO YOU CAN SEE YOUR LIFE TICK AWAY!

Professor Zero left for another room. I tried to control my growing panic as the air got thinner...
IF I COULD ONLY TIP OVER THE BELL JAR...
OUTSIDE AIR PRESSURE KEEPS IT SEALED! IT'S NO USE!
TICK! TICK! TICK!
It was getting harder to breathe! The ticking of the watch unnerved me!
THAT WATCH IS DRIVING ME MAD! WAIT.. MAYBE IT CAN SAVE OUR LIVES - IF I CAN GET THE BACK OPEN!
TICK!
TICK!
It was an old-fashioned watch, the kind that snaps open when the stem is pressed, and soon...
THIS WATCH HAS JEWEL MOVEMENTS AND JEWELS CAN CUT GLASS! I'LL HAVE MYSELF AND ROBIN FREE IN MINUTES!
Later, after cutting Robin's prison open...
YOU GOT AWAY! . GOOD! :GASP THE REDUCING RAY GASP. ON ROOF. AGH!
SO THE PROFESSOR USES A RAY TO SHRINK HUMANS! TOO BAD BEEFY DIED BEFORE HE COULD TELL US MORE!
GOLLY! IF HE O ONLY LASTED ANOTHER FEW SECONDS
The sinister professor must have heard us passing the others, for we heard the thunder of his footsteps approach! And...
SMART, AREN'T YOU - GETTING OUT OF THOSE BELL JARS! BUT YOU CAN'T OUTWIT A GUN!
BLAM!
I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE INSECTS!
OH!
WHAT A NIGHTMARE!


I slammed into Robin, as a split-second later the professor's great shoe stamped down on the floor!
As long as I live, I'll never forget the nightmare scene that followed....
THIS SHOT-GUN WILL DO THE TRICK! NOW I'LL SHOOT YOU DOWN LIKE GAME BIRDS!
I retreated and the gun barrels were trained on me like twin [illegible]!
THIS IS IT, BATMAN — YOUR FINISH!
Then I acted - I yanked the fan switch and flipped pepper from the open shaker before its whirling blades!
AGGHH! MY EYES!
I never expected what happened next! Roaring angrily, the Professor stumbled blindly into a wall - and the shotgun flashed like a thunderclap!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THIS... I'LL...
BLAM!
GREAT SCOTT! THE CHARGE OF BUCKSHOT WENT INTO HIS OWN BODY!
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD PREPARE AN ANTIDOTE! BATMAN AND ROBIN AND WE ARE DOOMED TO REMAIN PIGMIES FOREVER!
HE'S DEAD!

ANTIDOTE
DON'T WORRY! THERE'S STILL THE ANTIDOTE LEFT IN THAT BOTTLE!
THEN WE'VE GOT A CHANCE YET!
Robin and I were trained athletes, so we climbed the table while the others remained below..
WE NEED THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF ALL OF US! WE CAN LOWER IT WITH THAT PENCIL SHARPENER AND THREAD!
THE CORK'S TOO TIGHT! CAN'T BUDGE IT!
I took the hood off the sharpener and converted it into a winch!
UH. THIS IS HARD WORK! THAT BOTTLE'S HEAVY!
OTE
It was too heavy – for the thread broke under its weight and...
THE ANTIDOTE!
CRAIK!
It was then that Carlyle's nerve cracked! He scooped up a glass with liquid still remaining in it and drank greedily!
HEE! HEE! I'VE DRUNK THE ANTIDOTE! NOW I WON'T REMAIN A PIGMY LIKE THE REST OF YOU!
Thinking I could make some more antidote, I analyzed the remaining drop under the microscope...
WHY... THIS IS NOTHING BUT COLORED WATER!
THEN THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE!
NO ANTIDOTE! WE'RE DOOMED!


ZERO WOULD HAVE RETURNED US TO OUR RIGHT SIZE IN THREE DAYS! BUT NOW—
HOW COULD HE? WE KNOW THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE! HE WAS GOING TO PRETEND TO GIVE YOU AN "ANTIDOTE"!
YOU MEAN WE'D HAVE RETURNED TO OUR NORMAL SIZE... WITHOUT ZERO?
EXACTLY! THE REDUCING RAY OBVIOUSLY HAS A FLAW — IT'S EFFECTS CAN LAST ONLY THREE DAYS, THEN THEY WEAR OFF!
THAT'S WHY ZERO DEMANDED HE BE PAID WITHIN THREE DAYS!
My theory proved correct! At the end of three days we were our normal size again, and searching for the hidden pigmy-making machine!
BEEFY SAID THE REDUCING RAY WAS ON A ROOFTOP... BUT WHICH ONE?
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE MACHINE BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE STUMBLES ON IT AND USES IT FOR EVIL PURPOSES!
Then I remembered something! I made some quick phone calls, and soon...
THIS ENLARGED PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE VICINITY OF THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING! RIGHT HERE, ROBIN, I ...AND CARLYLE, WERE REDUCED TO PIGMY SIZE! HOW ABOUT YOU?
ME, TOO!
WHY, SO WAS I!
That proved my suspicions! Later, we found the machine, hidden in the one place no one would think of looking for it -- in the Bat-Signal searchlight atop the headquarters roof!
OBVIOUSLY, BEEFY WOULD SNEAK ONTO THE ROOF AND AIM THE RAY FROM HERE!
AND BECAUSE THE RAY WAS INVISIBLE BLACK LIGHT, WE COULDN'T SEE WHERE IT CAME FROM! VERY CLEVER...
Clever, yes... but no matter how clever a criminal is, he always winds up losing— either his freedom or his life!
That night we smashed the machine and ended forever, the case of...
"THE EXPERIMENT OF PROFESSOR ZERO!"
CASE CLOSED
The END

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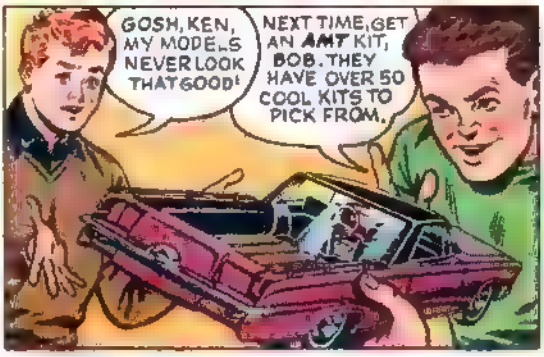

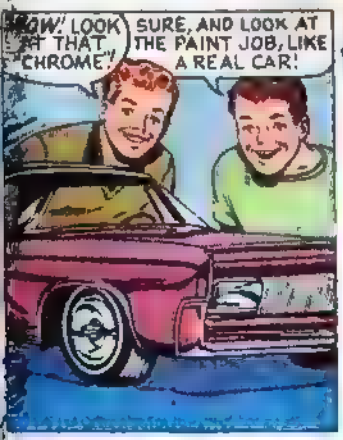

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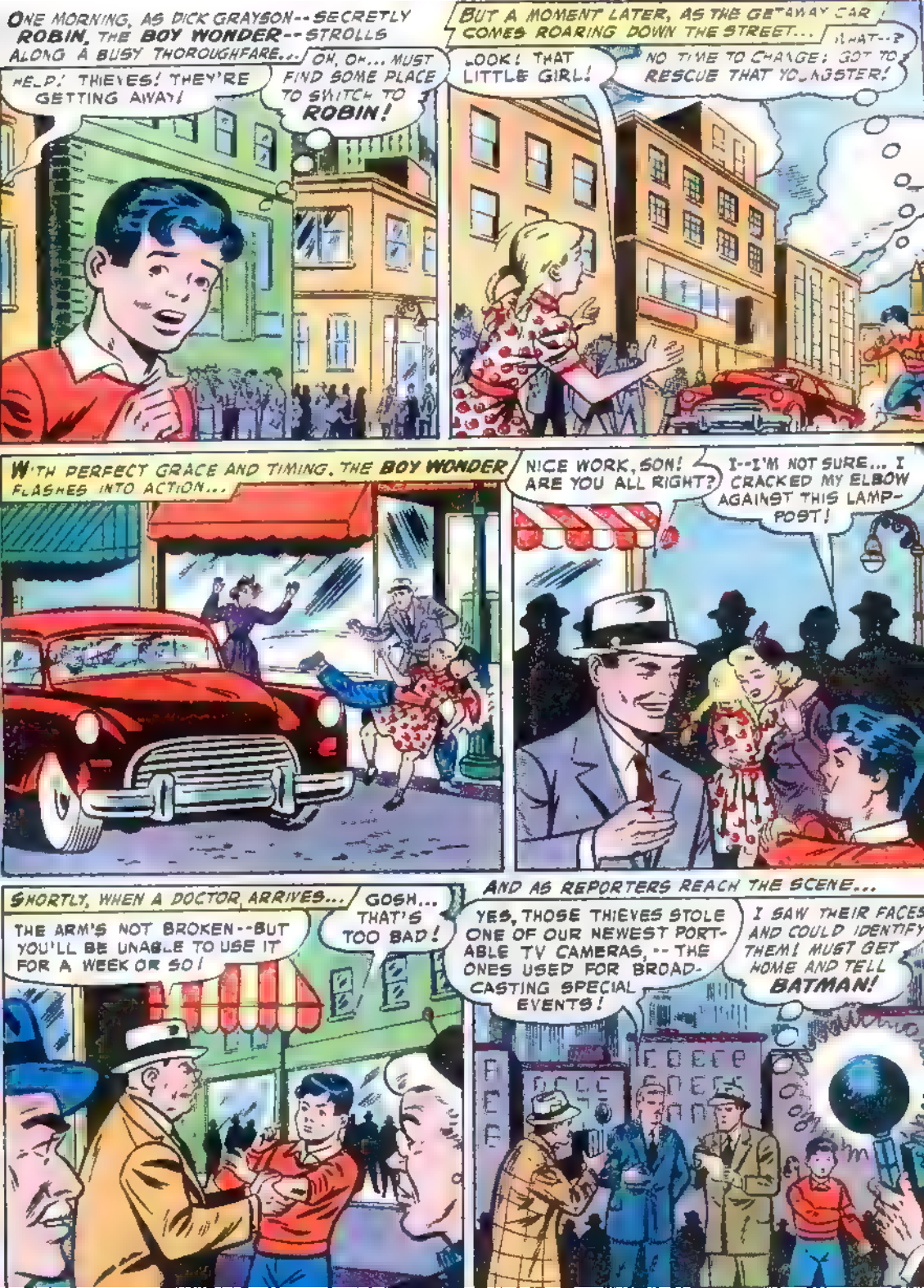
WHEN A DARK, CAPED FIGURE FLASHES THROUGH GOTHAM CITY, THE CRY ALWAYS GOES UP, "IT'S BATMAN!" YES, THE FAMILIAR COSTUME OF THE BATMAN IS KNOWN TO EVERYONE... BUT NOW, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THE GREAT LAWMAN CHANGES HIS UNIFORM, TIME AND AGAIN, FROM ONE COLOR TO ANOTHER, CAUSING A WHOLE CITY TO WONDER WHICH GARB WILL NEXT BE WORN BY...
THE RAINBOW BATMAN
BOB KANE


ONE MORNING, AS DICK GRAYSON--SECRETLY ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER--STROLLS ALONG A BUSY THOROUGHFARE...
HELP! THIEVES! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
OH, OH... MUST FIND SOME PLACE TO SWITCH TO ROBIN!
BUT A MOMENT LATER, AS THE GETAWAY CAR COMES ROARING DOWN THE STREET...
LOOK! THAT LITTLE GIRL!
WHAT--?
NO TIME TO CHANGE! GOT TO RESCUE THAT YOUNGSTER!
WITH PERFECT GRACE AND TIMING, THE BOY WONDER FLASHES INTO ACTION...
NICE WORK, SON! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I--I'M NOT SURE... I CRACKED MY ELBOW AGAINST THIS LAMP-POST!
SHORTLY, WHEN A DOCTOR ARRIVES...
GOSH... THAT'S TOO BAD!
THE ARM'S NOT BROKEN--BUT YOU'LL BE UNABLE TO USE IT FOR A WEEK OR SO!
AND AS REPORTERS REACH THE SCENE...
YES, THOSE THIEVES STOLE ONE OF OUR NEWEST PORTABLE TV CAMERAS,--THE ONES USED FOR BROADCASTING SPECIAL EVENTS!
I SAW THEIR FACES AND COULD IDENTIFY THEM! MUST GET HOME AND TELL BATMAN!

A MINUTE LATER, AT THE MANSION OF DICK'S GUARDIAN, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE, WHO IS REALLY THE FAMED **BATMAN**...

...AND THE THIEVES, WHO STOLE A VALUABLE CAMERA, SHOULD HAVE RUN DOWN A CHILD BUT FOR A YOUTHFUL HERO, DICK GRAYSON! HE LOST THE USE OF HIS LEFT ARM TEMPORARILY, BUT **SAVED A LIFE!**

IT WASN'T AS BIG A FEAT AS ALL THAT! MY ARM WILL BE ALL RIGHT IN A LITTLE WHILE!

BUT WHY SHOULD ANYONE STEAL A PORTABLE TV CAMERA? THEY'D HAVE NO USE FOR IT-- AND COULDN'T SELL IT!

THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER MOTIVE!

MAYBE I CAN SPOT THOSE CROOKS IN OUR CRIME FILE...

BUT, DOWN IN THE SECRET **BAT-CAVE**...

NO, THE PICTURES AREN'T IN OUR FILE. WE HAVEN'T ANY RECORD OF THEM!

I CAN ONLY SEE ONE MOTIVE FOR STEALING THAT CAMERA... AS PREPARATION FOR SOME BIG CRIME, TO BE STAGED WHERE TV CREWS WILL BE WORKING!

AS THE PAIR SWITCHES TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** RELATES A WILE STRATEGY..

YOU MEAN THEY INTEND TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS TV CAMERAMEN SO THEY CAN GET CLOSE TO SOMETHING VALUABLE?

THAT'S WHAT I SUSPECT-- AND, FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH EVERY BIG EVENT COVERED BY TELEVISION! YOU CAN IDENTIFY THOSE CROOKS, IF THEY TURN UP.

BUT YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE **THAT** BEFORE!

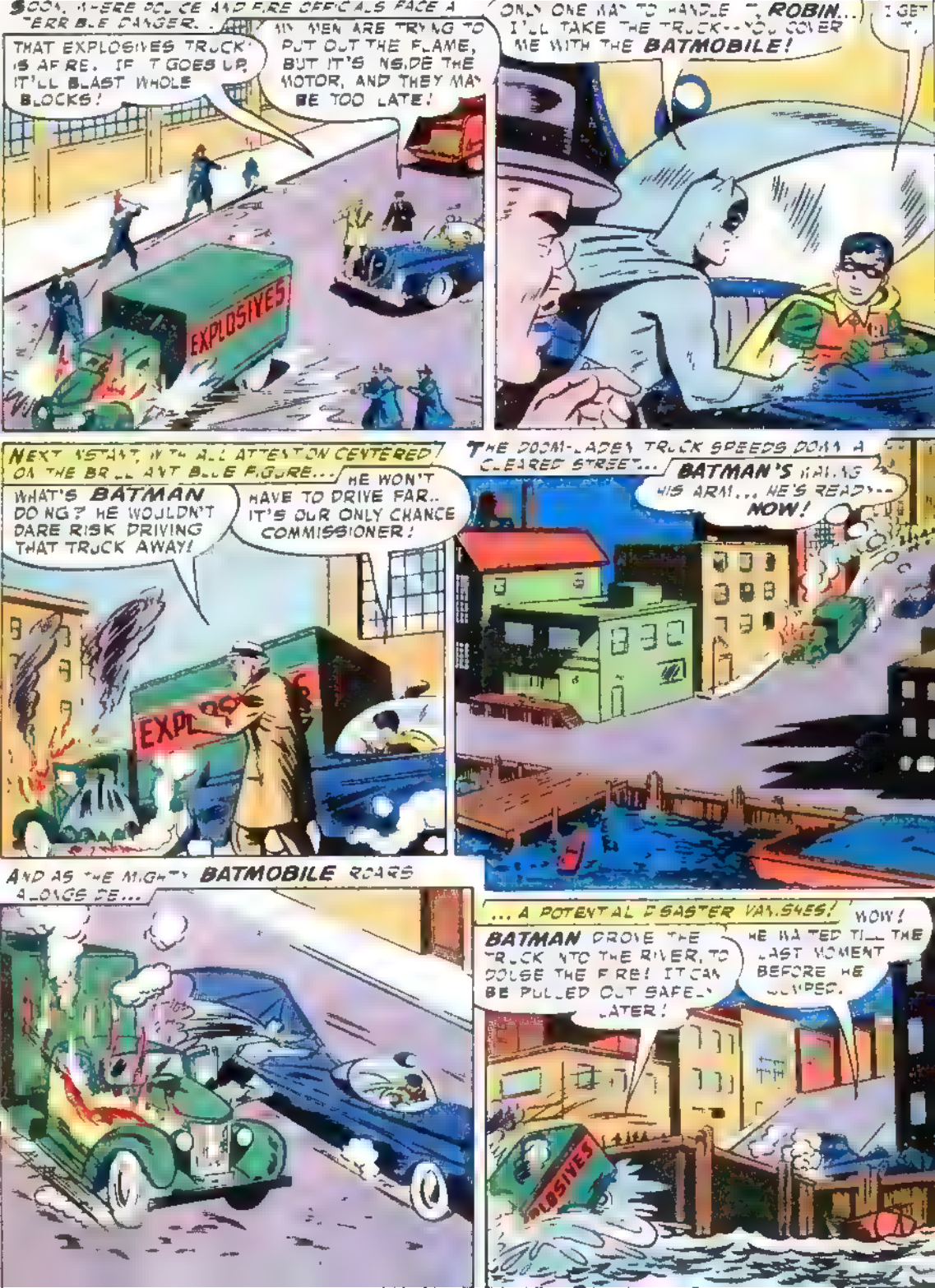
IN THIS CASE, IT'S NECESSARY. WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST, BECAUSE TOMORROW IS WHEN THE BIG OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE KING OF ZORONIA TAKES PLACE AND TV MEN WILL BE THERE!

SO NEXT DAY, AT THE SCENE OF A BIG TICKER-TAPE RECEPTION...

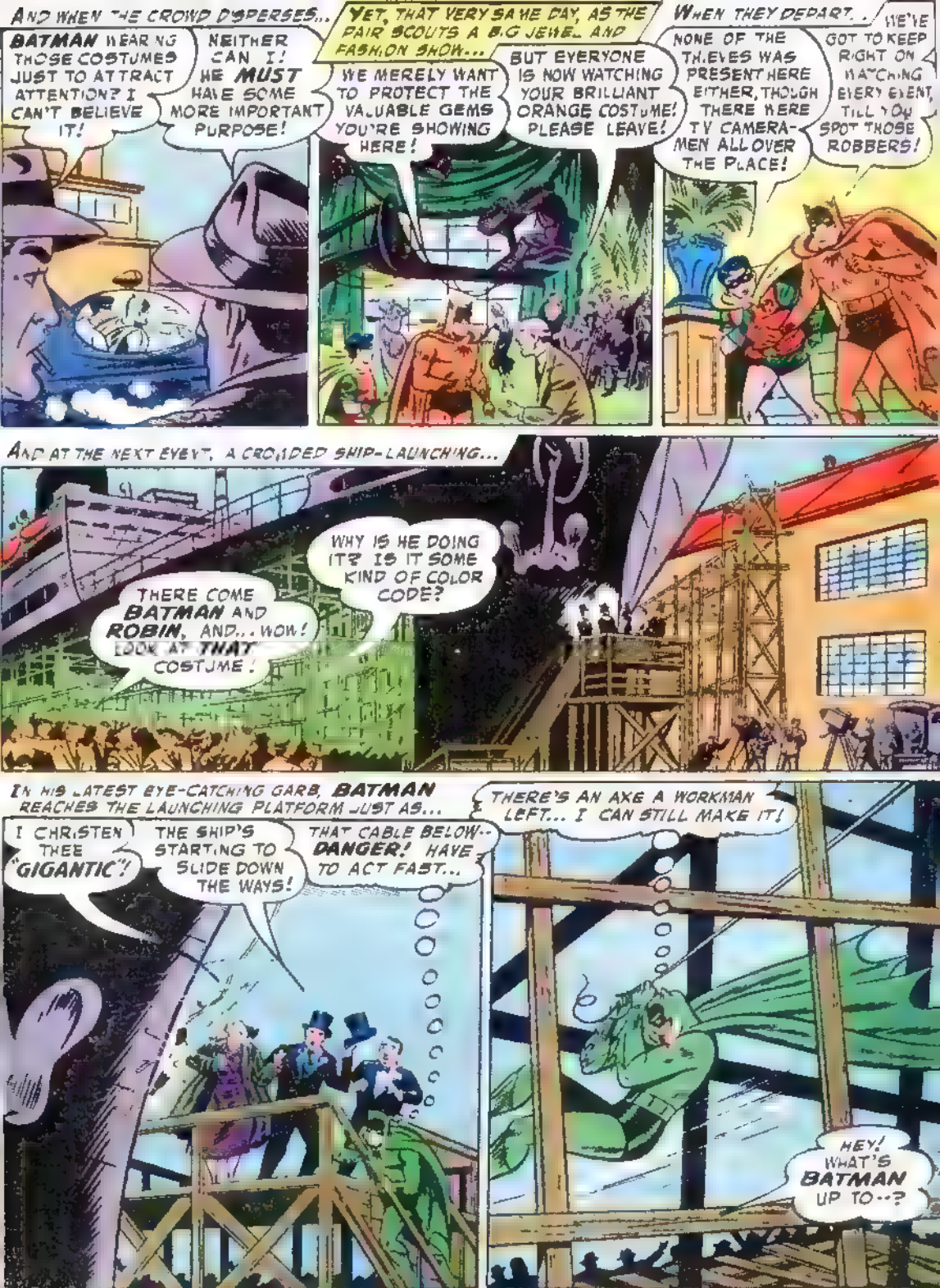
LOOK... THERE'S **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** BUT--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO **BATMAN?**

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LOOKING LIKE THAT BEFORE!

HE'S WEARING A RED COSTUME... BUT WHY?
I'LL CHECK THE TV CAMERAMEN IN THAT CAR, ROBIN-- WHILE YOU WATCH EVERY FACE FOR THE CROOKS YOU SAW!
HEY, LOOK AT BATMAN! A RED COSTUME-- AND HE'S JUMPING INTO OUR CAR!
JUST TO CHECK YOUR CAMERAS-- A SAFETY PRECAUTION!
AND, DURING AN OFFICIAL WELCOME, ALL EYES FOCUS NOT ON THE GUEST, BUT ON BATMAN...
THE THIEVES AREN'T ANYWHERE IN THE CROWD, BATMAN!
AND THE TV CAMERAMEN, HERE, ALL HAVE PROPER CREDENTIALS-- SO THIS ISN'T WHERE THEY PLAN TO STRIKE! WHEN THE WELCOME IS OVER, WE CAN LEAVE!
AFTERWARD...
WHY WOULD BATMAN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, WEAR A RED COSTUME?
HE MUST HAVE SOME REASON-- BUT I CAN'T FIGURE IT!
THE ANSWER COMES A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS RACE TO ANSWER THE URGENT SUMMONS...
AND, LATER THAT DAY, WHEN A FAMILIAR IMAGE FLASHES IN THE SKY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS CALLING BATMAN!
I WONDER IF HE'LL WEAR THAT RED COSTUME AGAIN?
WITH THE SPECIAL CONTROLS WE FITTED TO THE BAT-MOBILE, I CAN DRIVE WITH MY RIGHT HAND ALONE!
WHY, BATMAN'S WEARING A LIGHT BLUE COSTUME NOW!


SOON, WHERE POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS FACE A TERRIBLE DANGER...
THAT EXPLOSIVES TRUCK IS AFIRE. IF IT GOES UP, IT'LL BLAST WHOLE BLOCKS!
MY MEN ARE TRYING TO PUT OUT THE FLAME, BUT IT'S INSIDE THE MOTOR, AND THEY MAY BE TOO LATE!
EXPLOSIVES
ONLY ONE MAN TO HANDLE IT, ROBIN... I'LL TAKE THE TRUCK--YOU COVER ME WITH THE BATMOBILE!
I GET IT.
NEXT INSTANT, WITH ALL ATTENTION CENTERED ON THE BRILLIANT BLUE FIGURE...
WHAT'S BATMAN DOING? HE WOULDN'T DARE RISK DRIVING THAT TRUCK AWAY!
HE WON'T HAVE TO DRIVE FAR.. IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE COMMISSIONER!
EXPL
THE DOOM-LADEN TRUCK SPEEDS DOWN A CLEARED STREET...
BATMAN'S RAISING HIS ARM... HE'S READY... NOW!
AND AS THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE ROARS ALONGSIDE...
... A POTENTIAL DISASTER VANISHES!
BATMAN DROVE THE TRUCK INTO THE RIVER, TO DOUSE THE FIRE! IT CAN BE PULLED OUT SAFELY LATER!
WOW! HE WAITED TILL THE LAST MOMENT BEFORE HE JUMPED.
LOSIVES

LATER, AS NEWSPAPERMEN THRONG AROUND THE "NEW BATMAN"... BATMAN, CAN YOU TELL US WHY YOU SWITCHED TO A RED COSTUME, AND NOW TO A LIGHT BLUE ONE?
YES, YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING YET WITHOUT A REASON! WHY THESE COLORED COSTUMES?
IT COULD BE I'M JUST TIRED OF THE SAME-COLORED COSTUME, YOU KNOW! BUT I'M NOT GIVING MY REASONS, YET!
I'M CERTAIN THERE'S SOME BIG STORY BEHIND THESE COLORED COSTUMES--BUT I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT!
PRESENTLY, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...
I DIDN'T SEE THE CAMERA-THIEVES ANYWHERE ON THE SCENE!
YET, I'M SURE THEY WOULDN'T STEAL SUCH A CAMERA, EXCEPT TO PREPARE A BIG CRIME! WE'LL KEEP COVERING EVERY BIG EVENT THAT TV CREWS COVER!
AND AS THE DYNAMIC DUO GLANTLY WATCHES FOR CROOKS, GOTHAM CITY CONTINUES TO WONDER...
A BIG CROWD'S HERE TO GREET MARION MARLEY, THE FAMOUS MOVIE STAR!
AND HERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT KIND OF COSTUME DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S WEARING THIS TIME?
GOLD-COLORED COSTUME THIS TIME! IT'S A DAZZLER!
NO WONDER EVERYBODY'S WATCHING HIM, INSTEAD OF MARION MARLEY!
YOU--YOU WORE THAT COSTUME DELIBERATELY, SO EVERYONE WOULD LOOK AT YOU, NOT AT ME!
I'M SORRY, MISS MARLEY--I DIDN'T MEAN TO SPOIL YOUR WELCOME!


AND WHEN THE CROWD DISPERSES...
BATMAN WEARING THOSE COSTUMES JUST TO ATTRACT ATTENTION? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
NEITHER CAN I! HE MUST HAVE SOME MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE!
YET, THAT VERY SAME DAY, AS THE PAIR SCOUTS A BIG JEWEL AND FASHION SHOW...
WE MERELY WANT TO PROTECT THE VALUABLE GEMS YOU'RE SHOWING HERE!
BUT EVERYONE IS NOW WATCHING YOUR BRILLIANT ORANGE COSTUME! PLEASE LEAVE!
WHEN THEY DEPART...
NONE OF THE THIEVES WAS PRESENT HERE EITHER, THOUGH THERE WERE TV CAMERAMEN ALL OVER THE PLACE!
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP RIGHT ON WATCHING EVERY EVENT, TILL YOU SPOT THOSE ROBBERS!
AND AT THE NEXT EVENT, A CROWDED SHIP-LAUNCHING...
THERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN, AND... WOW! LOOK AT THAT COSTUME!
WHY IS HE DOING IT? IS IT SOME KIND OF COLOR CODE?
IN HIS LATEST EYE-CATCHING GARB, BATMAN REACHES THE LAUNCHING PLATFORM JUST AS...
I CHRISTEN THEE "GIGANTIC"!
THE SHIP'S STARTING TO SLIDE DOWN THE WAYS!
THAT CABLE BELOW-- DANGER! HAVE TO ACT FAST...
THERE'S AN AXE A WORKMAN LEFT... I CAN STILL MAKE IT!
HEY! WHAT'S BATMAN UP TO--?

KEEN EYES HAVE GLIMPSED A HIDDEN MENACE...
THAT CABLE -- CONCEALED BY _TTER UNTIL NOW... AS THE SHIP SLIDES DOWN, IT'LL PULL OVER THE WHOLE PLATFORM!
AN AXE ARCS AND BITES IN THE NICK OF TIME...
LATER... AGAIN, I CHECKED EVERY PERSON HERE TODAY-- AND I DON'T SEE ANY OF THE THIEVES WE'RE AFTER!
BUT THEY'D BEEN HERE-- AND HAD FIXED THAT HIDDEN CABLE TO GET US!
THEN, AS A GRATEFUL CROWD SURROUNDS BATMAN...
YOUR PROMPT ACTION SAVED US A BAD ACCIDENT, BATMAN. WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?
WE'LL TRY TO FIND THAT OUT NEXT!
THEY MUST KNOW, FROM THE WAY WE WATCH EVERY EVENT COVERED BY TV CAMERAMEN, THAT WE'RE AFTER THEM .. SO THEY TRIED THIS SABOTAGE, TO PUT US OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THEY STRIKE.
IT LOOKS THAT WAY--AND I DON'T LIKE IT!
YOU'RE PLANNING TO COVER THE BIG SHARPSHOOTING CONTEST IN GOTHAM STADIUM TOMORROW! SUPPOSE THEY STRIKE AT YOU THERE?
IT COULD BE DANGEROUS, ALL RIGHT-- BUT WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR THEM THERE, TOO, AND WE'LL TAKE PRECAUTIONS!

SO NEXT DAY, WHEN THE SPECTACULAR RIFLE SHARPS-COTING CONTEST GETS UNDER WA...
THE GREATEST MARKSMEN IN THE WORLD, COMPETING IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION CAMERAS!
REMEMBER, ROBIN, YOUR JOB IS TO IDENTIFY THOSE MOBSTERS IF THEY'RE HERE!
A ROAR OF SURPRISE GREETS BATMAN'S ARRIVAL...
LOOK WHAT HE'S WEARING NOW!
ER... BATMAN, YOUR TARGET-COSTUME IS RATHER STAGGERING!
DON'T LET ME HOLD UP THE CONTEST HE JUST CAME TO LOOK ON!
AS THE RIFLES OF THE CONTESTANTS START BLASTING..
STILL NO SIGN OF THE THIEVES... IF THEY'RE OUT TO GET BATMAN, THIS WOULD BE AN IDEAL PLACE.
CRACK!
CRACK!
CRACK!
SUDDENLY....
LOOK OUT. A BULLET'S HIT BATMAN!
THAT WAS NO ACCIDENT... THE BULLET CAME FROM ONE OF THOSE ROOFS UP THERE!
BANG!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, TO EVERYONE'S RELIEF...
IT'S ALL RIGHT-- THE BULLET KNOCKED ME OVER BUT DIDN'T HURT ME! I'M WEARING A STEEL VEST UNDER THIS COSTUME!
MAYBE WE CAN STILL NAB THE MAN WHO FIRED THAT SHOT!
AS THE DUO SPEEDS FROM THE STADIUM..
THAT'S WHY I WORE THE TARGET-COSTUME THIS TIME.. ANYONE TRYING A SHOT AT ME WOULD AIM AT THE BULL'S-EYE, AND MY PROTECTIVE ARMOR IS UNDERNEATH THAT!
BUT IT SHOWS THAT THOSE GANGSTERS WILL STOP AT NOTHING!

UPON REACHING THE ROOFTOPS...
TOO BAD-- THEY HAD TIME TO ESCAPE... BUT THIS DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO STOP ME PROVES WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO WHATEVER BIG JOB THEY PLAN!
TROUBLE IS, BATMAN, THESE BRILLIANT COSTUMES OF YOURS MAKE YOU TOO EASY FOR THEM TO STRIKE AT!
STILL, YOU KNOW I MUST WEAR THESE COSTUMES, ROBIN!
YES-- IT DOES SEEM THE ONLY WAY WE CAN KEEP SEARCHING FOR THOSE THIEVES! IF WE ONLY KNEW WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO WITH A TV CAMERA!
AND THE MOBSTERS, WHOSE PLOT NEARS A CLIMAX, ARE EQUALLY PUZZLED BY BATMAN...
THE CAMERA'S ALL READY-- AND IT'LL GET US $1,000,000!
IF BATMAN DOESN'T CATCH ONTO OUR SCHEME! HE WORRIES ME, WITH THOSE QUEER COSTUMES OF HIS! WHY'S HE WEARING THEM?
BEATS ME... AND I DON'T CARE-- BECAUSE HE'S ONLY MAKING OUR JOB EASIER! WHEREVER HE SHOWS UP, HE ATTRACTS EVERY EYE IN THE PLACE!
THAT'S RIGHT.. NO ONE'LL BE WATCHING US WHEN WE PULL OUR SWITCH AT THE MONEY SHOW TOMORROW!
NEXT DAY, AT THE FABULOUS "MONEYS OF THE WORLD" EXHIBITION...
THERE'LL BE A BIG CROWD WHEN WE OPEN TODAY... IT'S THE BIGGEST MONEY EXHIBIT EVER PUT ON!
WHAT WILL REALLY DRAW PEOPLE IS THAT $1,000,000 IN CASH!
EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE ALL THAT MONEY IN ACTUAL CASH-- AND WITH ALL THESE GUARDS, IT'LL BE SAFE!
ESPECIALLY SINCE BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL ALSO BE HERE WHEN WE OPEN! I WONDER WHAT COLOR COSTUME BATMAN WILL WEAR THIS TIME?

TO THAT QUESTION, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE ANSWER!...
A RAINBOW COSTUME. I GIVE UP-- I CAN'T SEE WHY ON EARTH HE'D WEAR SUCH THINGS!
NOBODY CAN SEE WHY... BUT WHO CARES, AS LONG AS HE GUARDS OUR EXHIBIT!
A LITTLE LATER, AS TV NEWSCASTERS ARRIVE FOR THE OPENING...
EVERY ONE OF THOSE CAMERAMEN IS ACCREDITED NO SIGN OF THE THIEVES HERE!
WE'LL GO INSIDE-- KEEP WATCHING, AS THE CROWDS ENTER!
AND FINALLY, ROBIN'S VIGILANCE PAYS OFF...
BATMAN, THERE'S ONE OF THEM! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- HE'S ONE OF THE THIEVES WHO STOLE THE CAMERA!
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE CAMERA NOW, BUT I'LL GRAB HIM ANYHOW!
IN AN INSTANT, BATMAN BECOMES A RAINBOW OF DAZZLING ACTION...
WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR POCKET, PAL, THAT'S WHERE IT STAYS!
I... OOF!
BUT SEARCH OF A CAPTURED THIEF DISCLOSES...
A GAS-MASK! IS THAT ALL HE WAS REACHING FOR?
GREAT SCOTT! DON'T YOU SEE, ROBIN?...THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY!
DON'T TURN ON YOUR CAMERAS! ONE OF THEM IS BOOBY-TRAPPED!
WVE

AND AFTER A SPEEDY INSPECTION...
I THOUGHT SO.. THIS ONE WOULD HAVE FLOODED THE WHOLE HALL WITH TEAR-GAS, WHEN TURNED ON! THEN, THIEVES WITH GAS-MASKS COULD HAVE SNATCHED THAT $1,000,000 IN SPITE OF THE GUARDS!
THIS ALTERED CAMERA MUST'VE BEEN SWITCHED FOR MINE, DURING THE CONFUSION OF SETTING UP OUR EQUIPMENT!
NEXT INSTANT...
THERE GO THE OTHER TWO CROOKS, BATMAN! I'VE GOT THIS ONE!
THEY'LL FIND NO POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THIS RAINBOW... ONLY PRISON!
AND SO, AFTER POLICE HAVE TAKEN THE PRISONERS AWAY...
BATMAN, YOUR WATCHFULNESS PREVENTED A CRIME AGAIN! BUT CAN YOU TELL US, NOW, WHY YOU'VE BEEN WEARING ALL THESE COLORED COSTUMES?
NO, I CAN'T! THIS IS THE LAST ONE I'LL WEAR, BUT WHY I DID IT MUST REMAIN A SECRET!
LATER, AS BRUCE WAYNE'S LOYAL BUTLER, ALFRED, GREETS THE DUO...
I'M GLAD YOU CAUGHT THE RASCALS, SIR--BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO WEAR SUCH GAUDY GARMENTS?
YOU SEE, ALFRED, ROBIN HAD TO HELP ME FIND THOSE THIEVES, BECAUSE ONLY HE HAD SEEN THEIR FACES AND COULD IDENTIFY THEM!
BUT IF ANYONE NOTICED THAT AS ROBIN, I COULDN'T USE MY LEFT ARM, THEY MIGHT REMEMBER THE PUBLICITY ABOUT DICK GRAYSON'S INJURY--AND SUSPECT OUR IDENTITY!
THAT'S WHY I WORE SUCH COLORFUL, EYE-CATCHING COSTUMES--SO EVERYONE WOULD LOOK AT ME, AND NOT AT ROBIN!
AND IT WORKED... NO ONE NOTICED ME AND MY ARM, WHEN ALL EYES WERE ON BATMAN'S BRIGHT COSTUMES!
BUT NOW THAT'S OVER, I CAN QUIT BEING A PEACOCK AND BECOME A BATMAN AGAIN!
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BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
C'MON YOU LITTLE PUNK— DANCE! HO, HO, HO!
WOW! BATMAN-- WHATTA HAUL YOU MADE TODAY! YOU'RE SURE THE NEW JOKER OF GOTHAM CITY!
EVERYBODY KNOWS BATMAN, FAMED LAWMAN OF GOTHAM CITY! AND HIS ARCH-RIVAL, THE JOKER, THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE! SO WE WON'T TELL YOU MUCH MORE THAN THIS: IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY TRADE PLACES-- WHEN BATMAN TAKES OVER THE JOKER'S CRIMINAL DOMAIN WHILE THE CRIME-CLOWN STARTS UPHOLDING LAW AND ORDER!! FOR ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORIES YOU EVER READ, START RIGHT NOW ON—
"The JOKER BATMAN!"
BOB KANE

NE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, ROWL THROUGH GOTHAM CITY N A ROUTINE PATROL...
OBIN--LOOK! HE JOKER'S AR! WONDER HAT HE'S NG IN THERE?
WE'D BETTER GO SEE! EVEN THOUGH THE JOKER HAS SERVED OUT HIS PRISON TERM AND IS NOW A FREE MAN, HE BEARS WATCHING!
SOON AFTER...
WE'LL SPLIT UP HERE! SHOULD YOU LOCATE THE JOKER, CONTACT ME VIA YOUR BELT RADIO!
MEANWHILE...
THERE'S A FORTUNE IN RADIUM SOMEWHERE IN THIS BUILDING! OUR JOB TODAY IS TO LOCATE IT!
L AT ONCE...
H, THERE YOU ARE, JOKER! F YOU DON'T IND, I'D LIKE O HAVE A FEW ORDS WITH YOU!
HA-HA! SORRY, BATMAN--I'M NOT IN A VERY TALKATIVE MOOD TODAY! COME ON, MEN--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT SO INTENT ON THE CHASE ARE BATMAN AND THE JOKER, THEY FAIL TO REALIZE THEY'VE ENTERED A RESTRICTED AREA, THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY OF DR. TOM RAYBURN...
LOOK OUT, YOU FOOLS! OHHH--TOO LATE! TOO LATE!
ND AS BATMAN PURSUES THE NFAMOUS CLOWN OF CRIME...
A-HA! THIS IS LIKE THE GOOD LD DAYS! NOTHING GIVES ME S MUCH FUN AS PLAYING AT-AND-MOUSE WITH BATMAN!
WARNING DO NOT ENTER

WHEN THE BLINDING FLASH SUBSIDES, TWO INERT FORMS LIE ON THE FLOOR! AND WHEN ROBIN APPEARS ON THE SCENE...
IS HE... IS HE... DEAD???
WHY--WHY--NO! AMAZING! NO HUMAN BEINGS WERE EVER SUBJECTED TO THE SMASHING FORCE OF THE EPSILON RAYS BEFORE! THEY WERE CONSIDERED DEADLY! AND YET--THESE MEN LIVE!
IT'S A MODERN MIRACLE! THESE MEN WERE BARELY STUNNED! THEY'LL BE STIRRING IN A MOMENT! IMAGINE IT! HIT BY THE EPSILON RAYS, AND NOTHING HAPPENED TO EITHER OF THEM!
BUT IS THE LEARNED DR RAYBURN CORRECT? IS EVERYTHING THE SAME AS BEFORE? WATCH--AS BATMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
BATMAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? CAN I--OWWW! YOU HIT ME!
SHUT UP, YOU PUNK KID! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
LOOK OUT! YOU ALMOST SET MY BEARD ON FIRE!
HA, HA! IT WOULD HAVE SERVED YOU RIGHT! YOU TURNED THE HEAT ON ME!
HO HO HO
HA-HA! THAT TAKES CARE OF YOUR INFERNAL GADGET! HA-HA-HA!
HE USED THE BATARANG TO SMASH THE RAY MACHINE! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO BATMAN???
SMACK
HA HA HA HA HO HO HA HA HO HA HA HO HO HO
THAT LAUGH--THAT AWFUL LAUGH! IT'S THE LAUGH OF THE JOKER HIMSELF!

AND BEFORE THE BADLY-SHAKEN ROBIN CAN RECOVER FROM HIS SHOCK, ANOTHER SURPRISE GREETS HIM!
ROBIN! ROBIN--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AM I DREAMING??? THE JOKER NEVER SHOWED SUCH CONCERN FOR ME BEFORE!
WELL, NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK! LET'S GET TO HEADQUARTERS AND FILE A REPORT, ROBIN!
IT'S CRAZY! BATMAN ACTS LIKE THE JOKER--AND THE JOKER ACTS LIKE BATMAN!
DOCTOR, CAN I SEE YOU ALONE FOR A MOMENT?
AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD IN THE PRIVACY OF DR RAYBURN'S OFFICE...
A STRANGE CASE--BUT THEN, WE WERE DEALING WITH STRANGE AND POWERFUL FORCES! YES--IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT A TRANSFER OF PERSONALITIES HAS TAKEN PLACE--ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO IT!
THAT MEANS THAT THE BATMAN BRAIN, THE BATMAN SOUL, AND THE BATMAN PERSONALITY ARE CLOAKED WITHIN THE BODY OF THE JOKER! AND THE REVERSE IS EQUALLY TRUE--THE BODY OF BATMAN ACTUALLY CONTAINS THE MAN WE KNOW AS THE JOKER!
BUT THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW CAN WE HELP BATMAN BECOME HIS NORMAL SELF AGAIN?
THE SCIENTIST TALKS--AND ROBIN LISTENS. LATER, WHEN THE WHOLE INCREDIBLE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD TO COMMISSIONER GORDON...
GOOD GRIEF! WHAT A FIX! AND YOU SAY OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT ANOTHER BLAST OF THE EPSILON RAY WILL RE-TRANSFER THEIR PERSONALITIES?
YES! BUT DR. RAYBURN MUST FIRST REPAIR HIS EQUIPMENT--AND I MUST SECURE FOR HIM A SUPPLY OF ISOTOPES BY SCOURING ATOMIC LABS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! I'M FLYING TO DENVER TONIGHT!
GO AHEAD, ROBIN--AND GOOD LUCK! MEANWHILE, WE MUST KEEP THIS NEWS SECRET AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, LEST IT ENCOURAGE THE UNDERWORLD AND PANIC THE PUBLIC!

THAT NIGHT, IN A DINGY UNDERWORLD BAR...
HEY, LOOK! BATMAN'S BECOME ONE OF THE BOYS! HE'S PASSING OUT FREE SMOKES!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS--I'M CELEBRATING! CIGARS ON ME!
THANKS, BATMAN! YOU'RE OKAY, PAL!
THEN...
HO-HO-HO-HO! WHAT A BUNCH OF SUCKERS!
SAY--WHAT KIND OF A GAG IS THIS? THAT'S NOT BATMAN--THAT'S THE JOKER WEARIN' A BATMAN UNIFORM FOR LAUGHS, OR SOMETHIN'!
YOU'RE WRONG, KID--THE JOKER NEVER HAD THEM MUSCLES! THAT'S BATMAN, ALL RIGHT--AND I THINK HE'S OFF HIS ROCKER--AND NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!
HO HO
HA HA
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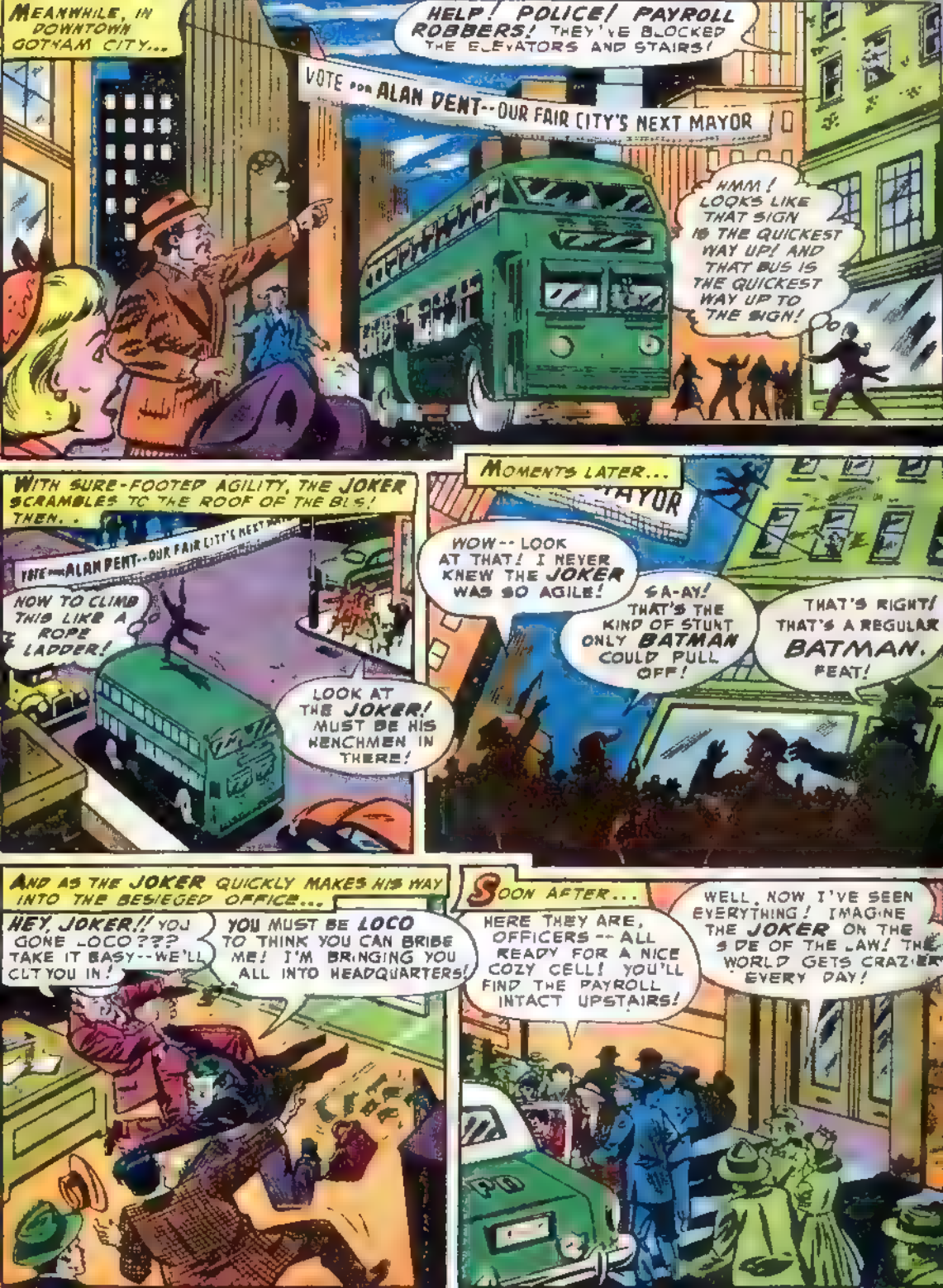
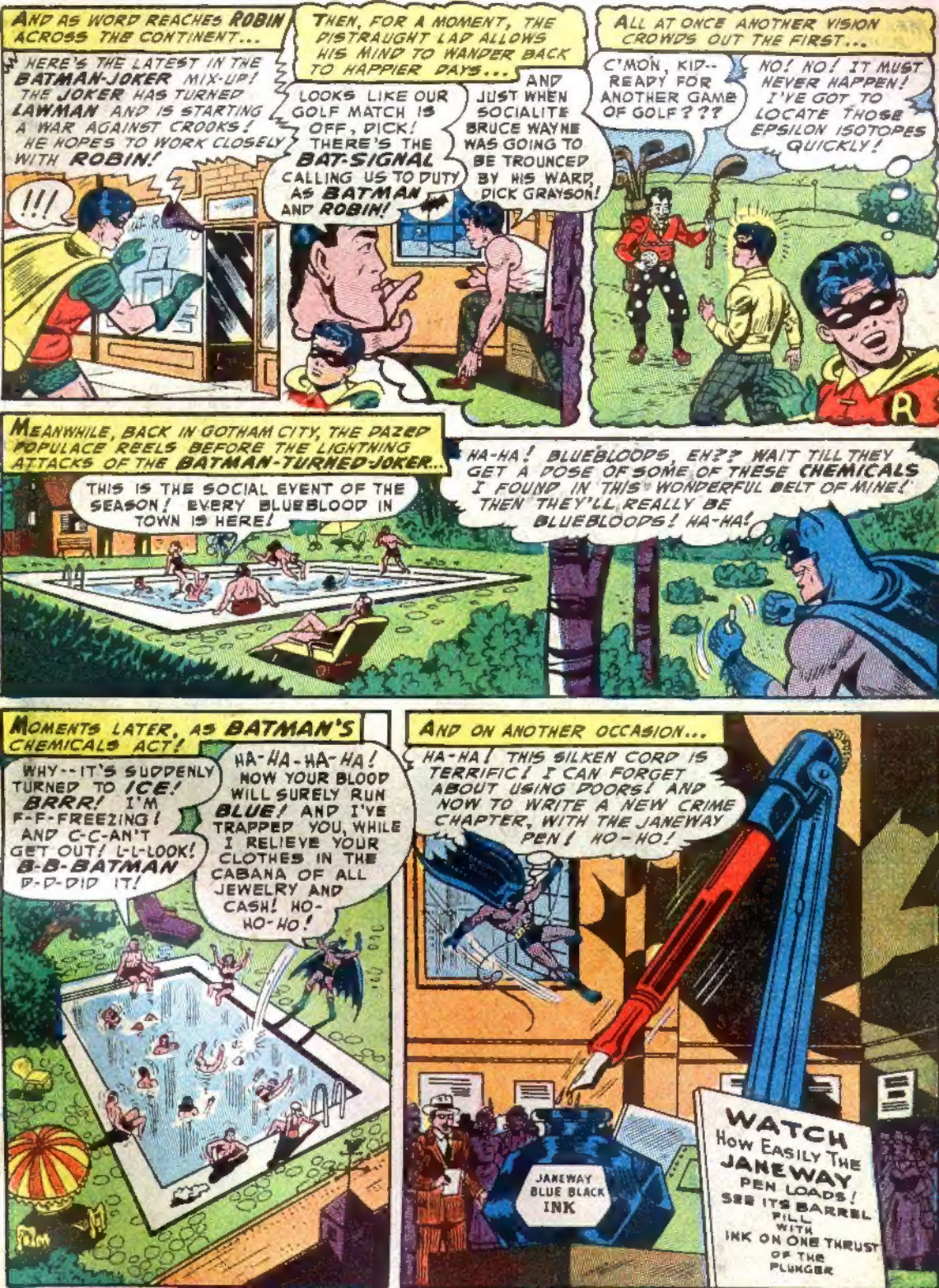
HA
HEY, BATMAN--YOU'RE AMONG FRIENDS, HAVIN' A GOOD TIME! LET'S HAVE SOME REAL FUN--LET'S SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE BEHIND THAT MASK!!!
HA! IF THEY ONLY KNEW I'M REALLY THE JOKER INSIDE BATMAN'S BODY!
HMM--HE'S GIVEN ME AN IDEA! EVERY CROOK IN THE WORLD IS JUST ITCHING TO SEE MY FACE! WHY NOT MAKE 'EM PAY FOR IT--AND PAY PLENTY? ENOUGH FOR ME TO RETIRE ON!
ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND--TELL YOU WHAT: PASS THE WORD ALONG THE UNDERWORLD--TELL THE BOYS TO GET UP THE DOUGH! FOR ONE MILLION BUCKS--CASH ON THE LINE--I'LL TAKE OFF THIS MASK--AND THAT'S A PROMISE--A BATMAN PROMISE! HA-HA-HA-HA!
WOW! D'JA HEAR THAT??? BATMAN NEVER GOES BACK ON HIS WORD! C'MON---LET'S START THE COLLECTION!
NEXT MORNING, NEWSPAPERS BLAZE WITH HEADLINES THAT SHOCK THE WORLD...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
Night WALL STREET EDITION
BATMAN SELLS OUT!
LAWMAN OFFERS TO REVEAL IDENTITY FOR $1,000,000.00!
SECRET INVESTIGATION BY THIS NEWSPAPER UNCOVERS SAD BUT TRUE FACT THAT BATMAN'S SHAMEFUL OFFER IS GENUINE
BATMAN HOBNOBS WITH CROOKS HE ONCE DETESTED! OBSERVERS FEAR LAWMAN HAS GONE MAD!


MEANWHILE, IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY...
HELP! POLICE! PAYROLL ROBBERS! THEY'VE BLOCKED THE ELEVATORS AND STAIRS!
VOTE FOR ALAN DENT--OUR FAIR CITY'S NEXT MAYOR
HMM! LOOKS LIKE THAT SIGN IS THE QUICKEST WAY UP! AND THAT BUS IS THE QUICKEST WAY UP TO THE SIGN!
WITH SURE-FOOTED AGILITY, THE JOKER SCRAMBLES TO THE ROOF OF THE BUS! THEN..
VOTE FOR ALAN DENT--OUR FAIR CITY'S NEXT MAYOR
NOW TO CLIMB THIS LIKE A ROPE LADDER!
LOOK AT THE JOKER! MUST BE HIS HENCHMEN IN THERE!
MOMENTS LATER...
WOW-- LOOK AT THAT! I NEVER KNEW THE JOKER WAS SO AGILE!
SAY! THAT'S THE KIND OF STUNT ONLY BATMAN COULD PULL OFF!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S A REGULAR BATMAN. FEAT!
AND AS THE JOKER QUICKLY MAKES HIS WAY INTO THE BESIEGED OFFICE...
HEY, JOKER!! YOU GONE LOCO??? TAKE IT EASY--WE'LL CUT YOU IN!
YOU MUST BE LOCO TO THINK YOU CAN BRIBE ME! I'M BRINGING YOU ALL INTO HEADQUARTERS!
SOON AFTER...
HERE THEY ARE, OFFICERS -- ALL READY FOR A NICE COZY CELL! YOU'LL FIND THE PAYROLL INTACT UPSTAIRS!
WELL, NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! IMAGINE THE JOKER ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW! THE WORLD GETS CRAZIER EVERY DAY!


AND AS WORD REACHES ROBIN ACROSS THE CONTINENT...
HERE'S THE LATEST IN THE BATMAN-JOKER MIX-UP! THE JOKER HAS TURNED LAWMAN AND IS STARTING A WAR AGAINST CROOKS! HE HOPES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ROBIN!
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THEN, FOR A MOMENT, THE DISTRAUGHT LAD ALLOWS HIS MIND TO WANDER BACK TO HAPPIER DAYS...
LOOKS LIKE OUR GOLF MATCH IS OFF, DICK! THERE'S THE BAT-SIGNAL CALLING US TO DUTY AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!
AND JUST WHEN SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE WAS GOING TO BE TROUNCED BY HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON!
ALL AT ONCE ANOTHER VISION CROWDS OUT THE FIRST...
C'MON, KID-- READY FOR ANOTHER GAME OF GOLF???
NO! NO! IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN! I'VE GOT TO LOCATE THOSE EPSILON ISOTOPES QUICKLY!
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MEANWHILE, BACK IN GOTHAM CITY, THE DAZED POPULACE REELS BEFORE THE LIGHTNING ATTACKS OF THE BATMAN-TURNED-JOKER...
THIS IS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON! EVERY BLUEBLOOD IN TOWN IS HERE!
HA-HA! BLUEBLOODS, EH?? WAIT TILL THEY GET A DOSE OF SOME OF THESE CHEMICALS I FOUND IN THIS WONDERFUL BELT OF MINE! THEN THEY'LL REALLY BE BLUEBLOODS! HA-HA!
MOMENTS LATER, AS BATMAN'S CHEMICALS ACT!
WHY--IT'S SUDDENLY TURNED TO ICE! BRRR! I'M F-F-FREEZING! AND C-C-AN'T GET OUT! L-L-LOOK! B-B-BATMAN D-D-DID IT!
HA-HA-HA-HA! NOW YOUR BLOOD WILL SURELY RUN BLUE! AND I'VE TRAPPED YOU, WHILE I RELIEVE YOUR CLOTHES IN THE CABANA OF ALL JEWELRY AND CASH! HO-HO-HO!
AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION...
HA-HA! THIS SILKEN CORD IS TERRIFIC! I CAN FORGET ABOUT USING DOORS! AND NOW TO WRITE A NEW CRIME CHAPTER, WITH THE JANEWAY PEN! HO-HO!
JANEWAY BLUE BLACK INK
WATCH How Easily The JANEWAY PEN LOADS! SEE ITS BARREL FILL WITH INK ON ONE THRUST OF THE PLUNGER

GASP! GURGLE! CAN'T SEE!
HO-HO-HO! THIS PEN WILL CLEAR A WAY RIGHT TO THE COMPANY PAYROLL! HA-HA-HA!
THAT NIGHT, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WE MUST REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS! NOT ONLY IS BATMAN CREATING HAVOC, BUT WORD HAS REACHED ME THAT THE UNDERWORLD HAS ALMOST RAISED THE MILLION DOLLARS "BATMAN" ASKED FOR TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY!
THAT MEANS WE'VE GOT TO CLAP HIM IN A CELL -- PUT HIM IN A STRAIGHTJACKET IF NECESSARY, TO KEEP HIM FROM PULLING OFF THAT MASK! IF WE CAN CATCH HIM!
WHY NOT TURN ON THE BAT-SIGNAL, COMMISSIONER? IT'LL BRING THE JOKER IN A HURRY!
THE JOKER? WHO WANTS HIM??? OH, YES, I FORGOT! THE JOKER NOW HAS THE MIND OF BATMAN.. AND WE COULD USE THAT MIND!
MEANWHILE, AT THE WAYNE MANSION, ALFRED THE BUTLER, ONLY PERSON BESIDES ROBIN TO KNOW OF BRUCE WAYNE'S DUAL IDENTITY, STARES IN DISBELIEF AT A VISITOR!
THE JOKER -- COMING HERE!! I'VE GREETED MANY VISITORS IN MY TIME -- BUT THIS!
PREOCCUPIED, THE JOKER IMMEDIATELY DESCENDS THE SECRET STAIRCASE TO THE BAT-CAVE, A BEFUDDLED ALFRED FOLLOWING HIM...
TINY HARPER IS THE RINGLEADER OF THE CROOKS GATHERING UP THAT MILLION DOLLARS -- IT'S JUST POSSIBLE BATMAN MAY BE HANGING AROUND HIM, WAITING.
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE EXPLANATION IS! I'LL NEVER GET USED TO THIS!
THEN, AS A PANEL BOARD LIGHTS UP, INDICATING THAT AN ELECTRIC-EYE SYSTEM HAS PICKED UP THE BAT-SIGNAL IN THE SKY...
HE'S ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL! THE JOKER IS ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL! IS THE WHOLE WORLD TOPSY-TURVY???

SOON AFTER...
I'M WORKING ON THE CASE, COMMISSIONER! I'VE GOT A LEAD THAT MAY PAN OUT!
SOMEBODY PINCH ME -- SO I'LL KNOW I'M NOT DREAMING THAT THAT'S THE JOKER FLYING THE BATPLANE!
NEXT DAY...
TINY HARPER'S RECORD SHOWS HIS HIDEOUTS WERE ALWAYS NEAR A BOWLING ALLEY.. HE LOVES THE GAME! I'LL JUST CHECK ALL OF THEM!
BOWLING
AND THEN, AN HOUR LATER, AS THE "JOKER'S" THOROUGHNESS IS REWARDED!
YOU CAN STOP LAUGHING NOW, BATMAN - I MEAN JOKER. I'M ON MY WAY TO GRAB YOU!
HO-HO-HO! STOP LAUGHING ??? WHY, YOU MAKE ME HYSTERICAL! HO-HO-HO! YOU'LL NEVER GET ME, JOKER - I MEAN, BATMAN!
BOWLING
A WILD CHASE FOLLOWS, ACROSS THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS! THEN, ATOP THE BUILDING OF THE ACME MAGNIFYING LENS COMPANY..
YOU'RE TRAPPED NOW, BATMAN! THAT'S A DEAD-END!
MAYBE! BUT I'LL STILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH -- THANKS TO THE WORKMEN WHO POLISH THIS LENS, AND WHO SET UP THIS TEMPORARY PLATFORM!
ACME MAGNIFYING LENS CO.
I GET A MILLION BUCKS FROM MY UNDERWORLD PALS FOR TAKING OFF MY MASK, JOKER! AND I'M GOING TO GIVE THEM THEIR MONEY'S WORTH! WITH THIS MAGNIFYING GLASS, THE WHOLE CITY CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING ON! HO-HO-HO!
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I CAN NEVER GET UP THERE IN TIME TO STOP HIM! AND EVEN IF I HAD A ROCK, I COULDN'T BREAK THAT LENS -- IT'S MUCH TOO THICK! WHAT TO DO?

SUDDENLY, A DESPERATE IDEA COMES TO THE JOKER!
HA-HA-HA! I'M TOYING WITH YOU! IN A MOMENT, I'LL YANK OFF MY MASK AND THE WHOLE CITY WILL KNOW BATMAN'S IDENTITY! HA, HA!
TOO LATE, "BATMAN"! NOW NO ONE CAN SEE YOUR ACT! AND THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK!
ONE OF THE WORKMEN LEFT PART OF HIS LUNCH-- IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
BUT BEFORE BATMAN CAN MAKE A MOVE, THE JOKER GRABS THE BOTTLE OF MILK AND FLINGS IT WITH UNERRING AIM TOWARD THE MAGNIFYING LENS!
CONFOUND HIM! THE GLASS IS COMPLETELY OPAQUE!
STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS, BATMAN STUMBLES ON THE RICKETY PLATFORM AND CRASHES DOWN THE STEPS, A DEFEATED PRISONER!
VERY CLUMSY OF YOU, BATMAN! NOW TO SLIP THESE HANDCUFFS ON, SO THAT THERE'LL BE NO MORE NONSENSE WITH YOUR MASK!
AND THAT NIGHT, AS ROBIN RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY...
NOW LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED AND HOPE FOR THE BEST!
AND HOW!
SOON AFTER...
ROBIN-- WHAT IS THIS? WHAT ARE THESE HANDCUFFS DOING ON ME?
SUCCESS, ROBIN! HE'S THE REAL BATMAN AGAIN! AND HE WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OF HIS CRAZY LIFE IN THE JOKER'S OUTER SHELL!
NEXT DAY...
WELL, BRUCE, I'M GLAD THIS ADVENTURE HAD A HAPPY ENDING-- AND THAT YOU'RE YOU NOW!
RIGHT, DICK! AND IF THE STAKES WEREN'T SO STEEP, I'D CALL THIS CASE "A COMEDY OF ERRORS!"
ALL'S WELL WITH BATMAN AGAIN; REGAINS HIS NORMAL PERSONALITY
THE END